

## SECURITY DEAL UP IN THE AIR

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** - With talks on keeping U.S. forces here beyond next year deadlocked, Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Kabul on Friday to try to break the impasse and head off a full U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. Kerry, whose visit was previously unannounced, was counting on his relatively good relationship with President Hamid Karzai to push through the two remaining sticking points in the talks



**U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry en route to the ISAF headquarters during an unannounced visit in Kabul, Afghanistan, Oct. 11, 2013.**

(J. Martin/New York Times)

on a long-term security deal that would allow U.S. forces to remain here after the NATO combat mission ends in 2014.

But with neither Afghan nor U.S. officials showing much willingness to compromise, a senior Western diplomat put the odds of a deal at "no better than 50-50." Senior officials on both sides expressed confidence over the summer that a deal would get done, and U.S. generals spoke of staying on after 2014 as an inevitability. But the talks hit a wall, and both Karzai and President Barack Obama have signaled in recent weeks that they are willing to walk away, if necessary.

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## WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND

**At Press Time:**

***New Republican fiscal plan, but no agreement yet***

**House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis. laughs as he walks to his office on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013. Republicans from the House of Representatives were offering to pass legislation to avert a potentially catastrophic default and end the 11-day partial government shutdown as part of a framework that would include cuts in benefit programs, officials said Friday. But the impasse was not yet over.**

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Republicans from the House of Representatives were offering to pass legislation to avert a potentially catastrophic default and end the 11-day partial government shutdown as part of a framework that would include cuts in benefit programs, officials said Friday. But the impasse was not yet over.

With the weekend approaching and the deadline for raising the debt limit and avoiding a default just

five days away, Republicans were seeking changes in the three-year-old health care law known as Obamacare as part of an endgame to the fight that has roiled financial markets and idled 350,000 federal workers.

President Barack Obama has insisted he will not negotiate with Republicans over federal spending — or anything else — until the government is reopened and, separately, the \$16.7 trillion debt limit is raised.

The House Republicans' plan was outlined Thursday night in a White House meeting that included senior aides to Obama as well as to House Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor, several hours after Obama met with top House Republicans. Boehner brought the proposal to Thursday's White House meeting to extend federal borrowing authority and avoid default through Nov. 22, conditioned on Obama's agreeing to ne-

gotiate over spending cuts and the government shutdown. But participants said the discussion expanded to ways to quickly end the federal government shutdown, which began Oct. 1 after a deadlocked Congress failed to pass an emergency funding bill. Boehner's office said that he and Obama spoke by telephone again Friday, but no details were released.

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## U.S. shutdown keeps new planes on the ground

HENRY C. JACKSON  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — New airplanes are grounded, investigations of fatal air and car crashes are going undone and scientific studies dependent on government funding have ground to a halt because of the partial government shutdown now in its second week, the Senate Commerce Committee was told Friday.

The economic impact will only intensify as the shutdown continues, affecting everything from the aviation industry to Alaska crab fishermen who may see their lucrative, one-month harvest delayed, witnesses told the panel.

Marion Blakey, CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association, said the shutdown already has virtually stopped certification of new aircraft, equipment and training simulators because the Federal Aviation Administration has furloughed more than 90 percent of its employees who work on those issues. Blakey is a former FAA administrator.

New planes aren't being delivered to buyers because routine government approvals "essential for our manufacturers to compete and for our industry to grow" aren't taking place, Blakey said.

Deborah Hersman, who chairs the government's National Transportation Safety Board, said furloughs have stopped her agency from sending investigators to most air and motor vehicle accident sites, including those with fatalities. Already, she said, the agency has ignored a fatal bus crash that killed eight people in Tennessee, an oil spill site in North Dakota and a small airplane crash in Arizona that killed four people.

"If we don't go, we don't know," Hersman said when asked about the impact of the shutdown on investigations. "So we don't know what some of those risks are that aren't being uncovered." □

## G-20 finance officials focus on US budget talks

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — World finance officials said Friday the United States needs to take urgent action to address its budget problems that are creating economic uncertainties for the global economy. Finance ministers and central bank leaders for the

cent of Russian's foreign exchange reserves are invested in U.S. Treasury securities.

America will run out of borrowing authority for new debt on Thursday. Lew has warned that with only \$30 billion expected cash on hand at that time, the country will soon not have the ability to meet all of its bills, including paying in-

tingency plans if the U.S. borrowing ceiling is not increased by the Thursday deadline.

He had told reporters after a G-20 dinner meeting the previous evening that U.S. officials had given assurances that the debt ceiling would be resolved before the deadline. However, U.S. officials said Friday that there didn't provide such

found at the last minute.

Japan's Finance Minister Taro Aso told reporters at a news conference that he conveyed to Lew his country's expectation the debt ceiling would be extended soon, "once and for all without any delay."

The G-20 communique said it would be important for countries that have benefited from ultra-low



**Group of 20 (G-20) finance ministers and Central Bank Governors, including World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, front row right, and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde, front row, second from right, pose for a group photo at International Monetary Fund (IMF) headquarters in Washington, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013. Finance ministers and central bank officials from the Group of 20 nations are in Washington ahead of weekend meetings of the 188-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organization, the World Bank.**

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

Group of 20 major economies wrapped up two days of discussions in Washington with a joint statement expressing concern about the ongoing budget stalemate between Congress and the Obama administration.

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov told reporters at a news conference that issues of the partial government shutdown, and the need to raise America's borrowing limit before a Thursday deadline, were addressed by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke also participated in the talks.

Siluanov said all the G-20 participants are hoping for a speedy resolution. He noted that about 45 per-

cent of Russian's foreign federal debt. That would trigger an unprecedented default on U.S. debt.

Underscoring the urgency of the situation, Lew left the G-20 discussions before they had wrapped up Friday to get to the White House for a meeting with President Barack Obama and Senate Republicans. There have been various proposals in recent days to resolve the impasse and get at least a short-term increase in the borrowing limit approved before next week's deadline.

Obama has insisted he will not negotiate with Republicans over spending issues until the government is reopened and the borrowing limit is raised.

Siluanov said the G-20 officials did not discuss con-

an assurance but merely expressed the hope Congress would act.

"There are no emergency or extraordinary plans," Siluanov said. "In the course of today's meeting, no plans were drawn up.

No worst-case scenario was discussed.

We trust the U.S. authorities will find a way out of this complex situation."

Siluanov said that Russia was not considering reducing the size of its U.S. Treasury holdings, saying those investments were for the long term while the debt crisis was a short-term issue. Other finance officials expressed similar optimism, some noting that this would not be the first time the United States has come to the brink of a default crisis and a solution has been

interest rates to pursue prudent economic policies and put in place structural reforms to bolster their financial systems as interest rates in the United States and elsewhere returned to more normal levels.

Large outflows of investments this summer have destabilized some emerging economies such as India and Indonesia.

Aso said he agreed with the view in the communique that that monetary policy in major economies needed to be "carefully calibrated and clearly communicated."

The G-20 discussions were being held in advance of Saturday meetings of the 188-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organization, the World Bank. □



## At Press Time:

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That battle has been overshadowed by the looming deadline for increasing the federal debt limit so the government can pay its bills, which under U.S. law must be approved by Congress.

Normally, both measures are routine, but Republicans had been insisting on cuts to Obama's signature health care law and other programs as the price for reopening government and extending the debt limit past next Thursday's deadline.

Obama has backed an increase in federal Medicare entitlement costs for better-off seniors, among other items, and that idea also has appeal for Republicans. The White House appeared briefly to wobble on the issue of negotiations on Thursday, until Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid emerged from a meeting with the president to reaffirm it emphatically.

Without confirming any of the details under discussion, Cantor said, "We're waiting to hear" from administration officials.

In addition to ending the shutdown and increasing the debt limit, under the proposal Congress and the White House would explore ways to ease deep across-the-board federal budget cuts known as the sequester that took effect after a previous budget battle earlier this year. They would replace at least part of them with benefit-program curbs that have been included in recent presidential budgets. Officials who described the approach did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss private conversations.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said it was time to "put this hysterical talk of default behind us and instead start talking about finding solutions to the problems."

McConnell and Senate Re-

publicans met with Obama at the White House, a session that lasted about 90 minutes. Returning to Congress, lawmakers huddled with McConnell, who told reporters, "Now we're back here to actually work on trying to get a solution on a bipartisan basis."

While much of the attention has been focused on the House in recent days, McConnell and other Republicans have been exploring possible legislation to avert the default and end the shutdown and to require the White House to make relatively modest concessions on the health care law.

Among the possibilities is a repeal of a medical device tax in the law, or perhaps stronger income verification requirements for individuals who receive federal subsidies to purchase coverage.

Determined to resolve the twin crises, the Republicans have reached out to senior Democrats, including New York Sen. Chuck Schumer. Senate Majority Leader Reid rejected the notion of a six-week increase in the nation's borrowing authority, pressing not only for a longer, 15-month measure but a reopening of the government.

Thursday's talks were held shortly before a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll was released bearing ominous news for the Republicans. It showed more people blaming Republicans than Obama for the shutdown, 53 percent to 31 percent. Just 24 percent viewed the Republicans positively, compared with 39 percent with positive views of the Democratic Party.

One major problem for Boehner's plan was highlighted by Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. After he and fellow Senate Democrats had their own White House meeting with Obama, Reid said negotiations before the government reopens — a key part of Boehner's proposal — were "not going to happen." □



White House press secretary Jay Carney throws his hands up when asked about President Obama's plans for the following week during his daily news briefing at the White House in Washington, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013. Carney took questions regarding the budget and partial government shutdown.

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# General in charge of US nuclear missiles is fired

ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Air Force fired the general in charge of its nuclear missiles on Friday, just two days after a Navy admiral with top nuclear weapons responsibilities was sacked. Both men are caught up in investigations of alleged personal misconduct, adding to a cascade of turmoil inside the nation's nuclear weapons force.

The Air Force removed Maj. Gen. Michael Carey, a 35-year veteran, from his command of 20th Air Force, responsible for all 450 of the service's intercontinental ballistic missiles. Carey, who took his post in Wyoming in June 2012, will be reassigned pending the outcome of an investigation into personal misbehavior, the service said.

The Air Force would not specify what Carey is alleged to have done

wrong, but two officials with knowledge of the investigation indicated that it was linked to alcohol use.

They said it was not related



This photo shows Maj. Gen. Michael J. Carey. The Air Force is firing Carey, the two-star general in charge of all of its nuclear missiles, in response to an investigation into alleged personal misbehavior, officials told The Associated Press on Friday, Oct. 11, 2013.

(AP Photo/U.S. Air Force)

to the performance or combat readiness of ICBM units or to his stewardship of the force.

Removing senior officers in the nuclear force is rare but has happened twice

this week.

On Wednesday the Navy said Vice Adm. Tim Giardina, the second-in-charge at U.S. Strategic Command, was fired

Together, the Carey and Giardina firings add a new dimension to a set of serious problems facing the military's nuclear force. The ICBM segment in particular has had several recent setbacks, including a failed safety and security inspection at a base in Montana in August, followed by the firing of the colonel there in charge of security forces. In May, The Associated Press revealed that 17 Minuteman 3 missile launch control officers at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, had been taken off duty in a reflection of what one officer there called "rot" inside the ICBM force.

Air Force Gen. Robert Kehler, the nation's most senior nuclear commander as head of U.S. Strategic Command, called the Carey and Giardina matters "unfortunate behavioral incidents," but he would not discuss

details.

In a telephone interview from his headquarters near Omaha, Kehler said he told Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, on Thursday that the two cases had not shaken his confidence in the force.

"I still have 100 percent confidence that the nation's nuclear deterrent force is safe, secure and effective."

He added that "this is something that has been on their minds as well," referring to Hagel and Dempsey.

"You are going to have to make your own judgment when all the facts come out on these two particular cases, but I can say this: In these cases, this ultimately had to do with a loss of confidence" in Carey and Giardina "as a result of certain behavior." □

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## U.S. parents charged in baby girl's heroin death

**QUINCY, Massachusetts (AP)** — A couple accused of killing their 5-month-old daughter by giving her a bottle of formula with heroin in it were charged with manslaughter on Friday. Ryan Barry and Ashley Cyr were arrested Friday. They pleaded not guilty and were ordered held on \$200,000 cash bail. The couple's daughter Mya Barry died in September 2011, when the family lived in Marshfield, a half-hour drive southeast of Quincy. Police responded to an emergency call and found the baby on the living room floor with her grandmother performing CPR on her, Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz's office said. The baby was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time later. Police said they found 3 grams of heroin and hypodermic needles on a shelf in a bedroom shared by Barry, Cyr, the baby and her two sisters, ages 3 and 4. Prosecutor Frank Middleton said Barry told police that Cyr was reckless in her drug use and that he had seen her snort heroin off a

Dr. Seuss book and then leave the book on the floor where the kids could get at it. Middleton said in court that Barry told police he had made the baby's last bottle by mixing 2 ounces of formula with 2 ounces of water. He said that when Barry was pressed on how the heroin could have gotten into the bottle he said maybe someone had cleaned a dirty syringe in the water bottle he used to make the formula. Testing determined that the baby formula in the bottle contained heroin. An autopsy determined that the baby died from opiate poisoning. A grand jury returned manslaughter indictments against Barry, 30, and Cyr, 26, on Thursday. Cyr also was charged with one count of reckless endangerment of a child. Barry's lawyer, Liam Scully, said that it was unclear who put the heroin in the baby's bottle and that Barry denies any wrongdoing. "He was devastated by the death of his daughter and is coping with that tragedy the best that he can," Scully said. □



Ashley Cyr, left, and Ryan J. Barry, right, stand for arraignment in Brockton, Mass., Superior Court, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, on charges of manslaughter in the death of their 5-month-old daughter Mya Barry, by giving her a bottle of formula with heroin in September 2011. The couple pleaded not guilty. (AP Photo/Ted Fitzgerald)

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## Trial begins for Saudi airman in Vegas rape case

**KEN RITTER**  
**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Trial began Friday in Nevada for a Saudi Arabian air force sergeant accused of raping a 13-year-old boy last New Year's Eve at a Las Vegas Strip hotel. Mazen Alotaibi, 24, watched from the defense table, flanked by his lawyer and an Arabic translator, while 12 jurors and two alternates who will decide his case were picked from a pool of 57. Opening statements were scheduled after noon. Alotaibi has pleaded not guilty to nine felonies including kidnapping, sexual assault with a minor and lewdness with a child that could get him life in state prison if he's convicted. He

has been held in a Las Vegas jail since his arrest Dec. 31, on \$1.72 million bail. Alotaibi's defense lawyer, Don Chairez, maintains that Alotaibi was too drunk after arriving by car from California and spending a night drinking cognac at a strip club to understand what was happening, and that police should have provided a translator and a lawyer before questioning. Chairez has characterized the boy as a child prostitute who offered sex for money and marijuana, and later lied to authorities. If sex occurred, it was consensual, the defense attorney said this week. The boy initially told police he was on his way to a doughnut shop after 7:30

a.m. when Alotaibi forced him into a sixth-floor room at the high-rise hotel and attacked him. But casino video shows the boy walking with Alotaibi in the casino. Nevada state law says children under 16 cannot consent to sex. But Chairez said the police and prosecutors could have considered the circumstances and charged Alotaibi with statutory sexual seduction, a lesser felony carrying a possible sentence of probation or up to 10 years in prison. Prosecutors Jacqueline Bluth and Mary Kay Holthus say evidence shows Alotaibi had oral and anal sex with the child. They concede the boy used marijuana and has had a troubled upbringing,

splitting time between divorced parents in California. He was visiting Las Vegas for the New Year's holiday with his father, from Sacramento, and grandmother when the alleged attack occurred. Police reported collecting DNA evidence from the boy, as well as a used condom and soiled towel from the hotel room bathroom where the boy said the attack took place. Chairez said the DNA evidence is inconclusive. Alotaibi told police during a 70-minute recorded interview that the boy approached him in a Circus Circus hotel-casino hallway, pestered him about buying marijuana, accompanied him to a room where other Saudi

military members were smoking, and consented to sex for money. "You have to understand my situation. I drank too much," he told a police detective in English. "He wanted weed. He wanted money." Chairez said one of the men from the room will testify that the boy and Alotaibi smoked marijuana. Other would-be witnesses returned earlier this year to Saudi Arabia, and Chairez lost a bid to have them testify by Internet hookup. Clark County District Court Judge Stefany Miley ruled that because the men are now abroad, they were ineligible to testify because they were out of reach of court rules and penalties for perjury. □

## US waits 11 days to tell public about oil spill

**JAMES MacPHERSON**  
**Associated Press**

**BISMARCK, North Dakota (AP)** — When a pipeline rupture sent more than 20,000 barrels of crude spewing across a North Dakota wheat field, it took nearly two weeks for officials to tell the public about it.

The break in a Tesoro Corp. pipeline happened in a remote area, and officials say no water was contaminated or wildlife hurt. But environmentalists are skeptical and say it's an example of a boom industry operating too cozily with state regulators.

"It shows an attitude of our current state government and what they think of the public," said Don Morrison, executive director of the Dakota Resource Council, an environmental-minded landowner group with more than 700 members in North Dakota. "It's definitely worrisome. There is



**A vacuum truck cleans up oil in near Tioga, N.D. The North Dakota Health Department says more than 20,000 barrels of crude oil have spewed out of a Tesoro Corp. oil pipeline in a wheat field in northwestern North Dakota. Officials say the 20,600-barrel spill, among the largest recorded in the state, was discovered on Sept. 29 by a farmer harvesting wheat about nine miles south of Tioga.**

(AP Photo/North Dakota Health Department)

a pattern in current state government to not involve the public."

The North Dakota Health Department was told about the spill on Sept. 29,

after a farmer whose combine's tires were coated in crude discovered oil spewing and gurgling from the ground. Although the state initially thought just 750

barrels of oil was involved, it turned out to be one of the largest spills in North Dakota history — an estimated 20,600 barrels over 7.3 acres (2.95 hectares) of

land, or about the size of seven football fields.

The Health Department said the fact that the spill initially was believed to be small was one reason the agency didn't make a public announcement for 11 days — and only after The Associated Press asked about it. Some top state officials, including Gov. Jack Dalrymple, have said they weren't even told about the pipeline break until this week.

Kris Roberts, an environmental geologist with the North Dakota Health Department, said that while companies must notify the state of any spills, the state doesn't have to release that information to the public.

That's not unusual in major oil-producing states: Alaska and Oklahoma also do not require the government to publicly report spills. North Dakota is America's No. 2 oil producer. □





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## Toyota riding momentum in wild acceleration cases



Photo shows Jeffrey Uno, right, and his father, Peter Uno, the son and husband of Noriko Uno, who died in an alleged "sudden unintended acceleration" crash in a Toyota Camry in August 2009, in Los Angeles. A jury on Thursday Oct. 10, 2013 found Toyota not liable for the death of Noriko Uno.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Toyo-

ta Motor Corp. still faces a bundle of lawsuits claiming that defective electronics

caused some of its cars to accelerate uncontrollably, often with tragic results, but another courtroom victory has given the automaker momentum heading into those other cases.

Jurors deliberated for about five days in Los Angeles before concluding Thursday that the automaker was not liable for the death of Noriko Uno. The 66-year-old was killed in 2009 when her

2006 Toyota Camry was struck by another car, then continued on a harrowing ride until it slammed into a telephone pole and tree. Toyota's lawyers said the sedan's design was not to blame and Uno likely mistook the gas pedal for the brake. Jurors cleared the Japanese automaker but decided that the other driver, who ran a stop sign, should pay Uno's family \$10

million.

The Uno case was one of more than 80 "unintended acceleration" lawsuits still pending in state courts against Toyota, including one that began this week in Oklahoma.

It is the first "bellwether" case in state courts, chosen by a judge to help predict the potential outcome of other lawsuits making similar claims. □



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## Canifornia: No ban on semi-automatic rifles

DON THOMPSON  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — California's governor vetoed a bill Friday that would have banned future sales of most semi-automatic rifles that accept detachable magazines, part of a firearms package approved by state lawmakers in response to mass shootings in other U.S. states.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed other gun-related legislation but rejected the centerpiece bill, which would have imposed America's toughest restrictions on gun ownership. Brown said it was too far-reaching. The bill would have outlawed future sales of an entire class of weapons that in-

cludes most assault rifles.

It was lawmakers' latest attempt to close loopholes that have allowed manufacturers to work around previous assault weapon bans. Gun rights groups had threatened to sue if the semi-automatic weapons ban became law.

"I don't believe that this bill's blanket ban on semi-automatic rifles would reduce criminal activity or enhance public safety enough to warrant this infringement on gun owners' rights," the Democratic governor wrote in his veto message.

He also noted that California already has some of the nation's strictest gun and ammunition laws. □





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## Nobel Peace Prize goes to chemical-weapons watchdog

**BASSEM KARL RITTER**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The watchdog agency working to eliminate the world's chemical weapons won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in a powerful endorsement of the inspectors now on the ground in Syria on a perilous mission to destroy the regime's stockpile of poison gas. In honoring the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said "recent events in Syria, where chemical weapons have again been put to use, have underlined the need to enhance the efforts to do away with such weapons." The prize came 10 days after OPCW inspectors start-

**MROUE**

ed arriving in war-torn Syria to oversee the dismantling of President Bashar Assad's chemical arsenal. While world leaders and former Nobel laureates praised the group's selection, some in Syria lamented that the prize would do nothing to end the bloodshed, most of which is being inflicted with conventional weapons. "The killing is continuing, the shelling is continuing and the dead continue to fall," said Mohammed al-Tayeb, an activist who helped film casualties after the deadly chemical attack in August that the rebels and the government have blamed on each other. The peace prize, he added, should have gone to "whoever helps the Syrian people get rid of Bashar

Assad." After focusing on such themes as human rights and European unity in recent years, the Norwegian Nobel Committee this time returned to the core

ments, but encouraging causes or movements that are still unfolding. The OPCW was formed to enforce the Chemical Weapons Convention, the

country. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry congratulated the OPCW on Friday, saying: "Since that horrific attack, the OPCW has taken extraordinary steps and



**Director General of the OPCW, Ahmet Uzumcu, comments on the organization being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, during a press conference in The Hague, Netherlands, Friday Oct. 11, 2013. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has won this year's Nobel Peace Prize, it was announced on Friday. The Norwegian Nobel Committee honored the Hague, Netherlands-based global chemical watchdog "for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons."**

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

purpose of the 112-year-old Nobel Peace Prize — disarming the world. Founded in 1997, the OPCW had largely worked out of the limelight until this year, when the United Nations called upon its expertise. The OPCW's selection caught many by surprise. It was widely expected that the peace prize would go to Malala Yousafzai, the 16-year-old Pakistani girl who was shot in the head by the Taliban last October for championing education for girls. "She is an outstanding woman and I think she has a bright future, and she will probably be a nominee next year or the year after that," said Nobel committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland. The peace prize committee has a tradition of not just honoring past achieve-

1997 international treaty outlawing such arms. The Nobel Peace Prize came just days before Syria officially joins as OPCW's 190th member state on Monday. "I truly hope that this award and the OPCW's ongoing mission together with the United Nations in Syria will (help) efforts to achieve peace in that country and end the suffering of its people," OPCW Director-General Ahmet Uzumcu said at The Hague, Netherlands. After the Aug. 21 chemical weapons attack that killed hundreds in Syria, Assad faced the prospect of a U.S. military strike. To avert that, he acknowledged his chemical weapons stockpile, and his government quickly signed on to the Chemical Weapons Convention and allowed OPCW inspectors into the

worked with unprecedented speed to address this blatant violation of international norms that shocked the conscience of people around the world." Former Soviet leader and 1990 Nobel peace laureate Mikhail Gorbachev said: "I believe this recognition can provide the impetus to accelerate efforts to rid the world of these deadly weapons. A chemical weapons-free world is within grasp." A senior Syrian rebel, Louay Safi, called the prize a "premature step" that will divert the world's attention from the bloodletting, while Fayez Sayegh, a lawmaker from Syria's ruling party, declared the Nobel to be a vindication of Assad's government and its willingness to give up its chemical weapons. □

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# Kerry arrives in Kabul amid security deal impasse

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Most of the issues that officials were most concerned about when talks began a year ago have been settled. The matter of legal immunity for U.S. troops, which derailed similar talks with Iraq in 2011, is already set, for instance.

Instead, the two sides now find themselves struggling to bridge the divide on a pair of demands that Karzai says must be met, and that the Obama administration says it cannot or will not consider.

The first is Karzai's insistence that the United States guarantee Afghanistan's security as it would if the country were a NATO ally. That could compel the United States to send troops on raids into Pakistan, an ally of Washington and a nuclear-armed power.

The Afghan leader is also refusing to allow U.S. forces to continue hunting for op-

eratives of al-Qaida here. Instead, he wants any intelligence gathered by the United States handed over to Afghan forces, who could then conduct the

raids on their own. If the Americans are unwilling to meet both conditions, "they can leave," Karzai told the BBC in an interview this week.

The Obama administration has made it clear that it may do just that. U.S. officials have set an Oct. 31 deadline for striking a deal to keep troops here.

Though administration officials say the deadline is not "hard," they also say the White House wants a deal worked out in principle in the coming weeks or it will cut off talks and begin preparing for what has become known as the zero option.

The pullout would be along the lines of what took place in Iraq, but the consequences for Afghanistan could be far more troubling. Afghanistan's economy is anemic, and the government depends on the international community to pay almost 80 percent of its expenses.

The Taliban, meanwhile, remain a far more organized and potent threat than any Iraqi insurgent group was when U.S. forces were forced to leave the Middle Eastern country at the end of 2011 after U.S. and Iraqi officials failed to strike a deal that would have allowed them to stay on. □



**U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, meets with Afghan President Hamid Karzai during an unannounced visit at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, Oct. 11, 2013. Kerry talked on Friday with Karzai with an urgency to strike a deal to allow U.S. troops to remain in Afghanistan after the military mission led by NATO ends in 2014.**

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## Libya PM says his abduction was attempted 'coup'

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Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libya's Western-backed prime minister on Friday said his brief abduction by gunmen this week was an attempted coup by his Islamist political rivals, using militias which he warned are trying to "terrorize" the government and turn the North African nation into another Afghanistan or Somalia.

In a sign of the turmoil, a car bomb detonated outside a building housing the Swedish and Finnish consulates in the eastern city of Benghazi, where militias



Morocco's PM Abdelilah Benkirane, left, and Libyan PM Ali Zeidan arrive for a press conference in Rabat, Morocco.

(AP Photo/Abdeljalil Bounhar)

are particularly prominent. No one was hurt, but the blast damaged the building's facade. The city, Lib-

ya's second-largest, has seen frequent violence, including killings of security officials and a string of at-

tacks on foreign missions that have driven most of diplomats out of the city. With his nationally televised address, embattled Prime Minister Ali Zeidan appeared to be trying to leverage public shock over his abduction a day earlier into momentum against his political opponents and against the multiple armed groups stirring chaos since the 2011 toppling of dictator Moammar Gadhafi. Militias, many including Islamic extremists, carry out daily violence nationwide and have defied attempts by the weak central authorities to rein them in. Zeidan also gave his first

account of the events Thursday, when militiamen broke into the luxury Tripoli hotel where he lived before daybreak and took him away, holding him in a basement prison with criminals for hours until he was freed. "This is a coup," he said, speaking alongside members of his government. "There are political rivals behind this ... a political group that plots to topple the government." He appeared to referring to Islamist blocs in parliament that have sought to remove him. "There is a force that wants to slaughter the state before it is established." □

## Venezuela detains US ship in waters claimed by Guyana

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BERT WILKINSON  
Associated Press  
GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — The government of Guyana said Friday that

Venezuela's navy has detained a ship operated by a U.S. oil company in waters disputed by the neighboring South American countries. The ship, which has

five U.S. citizens on board, was conducting a seismic survey under contract for Anadarko Petroleum Corp. on Thursday when it was stopped by a Venezuelan

navy vessel. It was then ordered to sail under escort to Margarita Island in Venezuela, the Guyanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. "It was then clear that the vessel and its crew were not only being escorted out of Guyana's waters, but were under arrest," the ministry said. "These actions by the Venezuelan naval vessel are unprecedented in Guyana Venezuela relations."

The ship, the Teknik Perdana, was expected to arrive on Margarita Island on Sunday. Guyana said the crew was well within its territorial waters but that the Venezuelan navy informed them that they were operating in that country's exclusive economic zone and ordered an immediate halt to the survey. The two countries have been disputing their land and ocean borders for decades. The govern-

ment of Guyana said it has expressed its "grave concerns" to Venezuela and requested the immediate release of the vessel and its crew. "The actions taken by the Venezuelan navy vessel constitute a serious threat to the peace of this sub-region and the Government of Guyana therefore strongly condemns these actions," the Foreign Ministry said.

Venezuelan oil minister Rafael Ramirez said the country was obligated to act if a ship was in its maritime zone without authorization. "We will jealously defend our country and our sovereignty," he said when asked about the incident at a news conference in Caracas.

The minister said that Guyana and Venezuela have been in discussions over oil exploration in the area but he declined to discuss the status of those talks. □

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## Report warns of threat of loose missiles across Syria



A Libyan rebel brandishing a SA-7 model - Syria's shoulder-fired anti-aircraft weapon - in the oil town of Ras Lanouf, in eastern Libya. A new independent report warns that the Syrian government's arsenal of 20,000 portable anti-missile systems are at risk of falling into the hands of terror groups.  
(AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

**STEPHEN BRAUN**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Syrian government's shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles and launchers could imperil civil aviation if they fall into the hands of terror groups, according to an independent report examining the global proliferation of portable missiles.

The report released Friday by the Federation of American Scientists, a prominent Washington group that focuses on issues of science and security, warns that some opposition factions inside Syria are already wielding small numbers of anti-aircraft systems in combat against Syrian government forces. Citing video and photo evidence from opposition forces, media and official accounts, the FAS study says some portable launchers and missiles have been seized by opposition forces during battles with Syrian troops, while others have been smuggled in to rebel

fighters from neighboring countries. The 88-page report warns about man-portable air-defense systems, also known as MANPADS, in the arsenal of Syrian President Bashar Assad's government. U.S. officials have estimated the Syrian government has as many as 20,000 MANPADS, compact missile launchers with the range and explosive power to attack low-flying planes and helicopters. It's unclear how many similar weapons might have been smuggled into Syria by rebels and sympathizers to fight Assad.

Syria's anti-aircraft missile inventory is comparable in size to that amassed by Libyan forces before the 2011 ouster of Moammar Gadhafi. The FAS study cites the widespread looting of anti-aircraft weapons that occurred after Gadhafi's fall and the mass ransacking of Iraqi weapons depots after the U.S. invasion in 2003 as evidence that Syria's missiles are equally

vulnerable. The report said it was unclear whether any have been smuggled out of Libya. "Should Syria go the way of Libya and Iraq, the international community could be confronted with the loss of government control over thousands of additional MANPADS, some of which are significantly more sophisticated than most of the MANPADS looted from depots in Libya," wrote the study's author, Matthew Schroeder, director of the FAS' Arms Sales Monitoring Project. Portable anti-aircraft missiles have most often been used by non-government forces in conflict zones such as Iraq, where U.S. aircraft were targeted and sometimes struck by militants. Civilian passenger

flights have never been threatened by shoulder-fired missiles in the U.S., but there have been nearly a dozen lethal strikes over the past decade in Asia and Africa. The FAS report said the terrorist group al-Shabab in Somalia used an SA-18 missile to shoot down a Belarusian cargo aircraft departing from Mogadishu in 2007. Both militant and moderate opposition forces have repeatedly urged Western and Mideast nations to supply them with portable anti-aircraft systems capable of downing Syrian aircraft used in bombing runs at rebel and civilian targets. But the U.S. has so far balked at providing missiles, worried that some could end up with terrorist groups. □



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## Nigeria:

### Shell declares force majeure on oil export

**MICHELLE FAUL**  
**Associated Press**

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)** — Shell Nigeria declared “force majeure” Friday on exports of Bonny Light Crude oil, blaming increasing oil thefts that analysts say likely will lead companies to sell off more investments in Nigeria’s declining onshore oil industry.

The announcement of “superior force” was effective from noon Thursday, after Shell reported three new leaks on the Trans-Niger Pipeline that it has been forced to close at least five times in three months.

The declaration gives Nigeria’s biggest oil producer some legal protection against contractual obligations.

Shell said it has repaired 189 crude theft points this year on the Trans-Niger Pipeline and the Nembe Creek Trunkline that carry a daily total of 300,000 barrels of crude — at least 15 percent of the production of Africa’s biggest oil producer.

A statement from managing director Mutiu Sunmonu called the increasing thefts a “dangerous development.”

Stratfor Global Intelligence in an analysis Thursday noted that major oil companies including Shell continue to sell onshore investments in the restive Niger Delta — a reflection that “the aging and now lower-producing fields are

no longer worth the effort of dealing with the associated political and security problems.”

Onshore production now accounts for only 25 percent of Nigerian oil, compared to 75 percent in the 1970s, according to the firm based in Austin, Texas. Stratfor said reduced in-

vestment and declining output onshore would eventually reduce the power of the Niger Delta’s politicians and militants and their ability to influence Nigerian politics.

Experts estimate Nigeria loses about 200,000 barrels a day to theft with most stolen by international criminal gangs that sell it

on world markets. They say some Nigerian politicians and military leaders benefit from the massive thefts in a country suffering endemic corruption.

Smaller amounts of oil are stolen by members of communities impoverished by decades of spills that have



**Rescue workers and family members gather to identify shrouded bodies of students killed following an attack by Islamist extremists in Gujba, Nigeria. Shell Nigeria declared “force majeure” Friday on exports of Bonny Light Crude oil, blaming increasing oil thefts that analysts say likely will lead companies to sell off more investments in Nigeria’s declining onshore oil industry.** (AP Photo)

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## AROUND THE WORLD

### Dutch Cabinet brokers budget deal

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte’s coalition has brokered a deal with opposition parties to ensure its austere budget for 2014 passes the Senate, where the government does not have a majority. The deal announced Friday night followed 10 days of tense, behind-closed-doors negotiations with opposition parties over a budget that includes some 6 billion euros (\$8.14 billion) in spending cuts aimed at reining in the country’s deficit. Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem says the budget “is now as solid as a rock” after the two-party coalition made concessions to the centrist party D66 and two small Christian-based parties to ensure their support in the Senate. D66 leader Alexander Pechtold says the revised budget plans mean “more jobs, a strengthening of the economy and a restoration of confidence.” □

### Venezuelan inflation rate tops 49%

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela’s Central Bank says prices have risen nearly 50 percent since last September as the country struggles to rein in a quickening rate of inflation and widespread shortages. Thursday’s report says the consumer price index for September was 4.4 percent higher than the one for August and 49.4 percent higher than the one for September 2012. The country’s leftist government has spent heavily on social programs, rapidly increasing the amount of currency in circulation. It also tries to control prices while restricting access to bolivars at the official rate of exchange of 6.3 per dollar. That leads many to pay seven times as much for dollars on the black market. Officials say speculators are to blame for soaring prices and shortages. The inflation rate for 2012 was 20.1 percent. □

### Cameron woos investors to Ireland

**BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)** — British Prime Minister David Cameron has appealed to foreign businesses to invest in Northern Ireland despite its imperfect peace. Cameron told a Belfast audience of 120 existing investors and 55 potential investors that Northern Ireland was second only to London in its success at wooing foreign corporations to the United Kingdom. Friday’s conference at the city’s new Titanic tourist attraction was overshadowed by violence blamed on Irish Republican Army extremists opposed to the British territory’s 1998 peace accord. Two men were shot to death in separate attacks this week. Police announced Friday they had discovered a mortar aimed at a police station in Londonderry, Northern Ireland’s second-largest city. Cameron joined the Catholic and Protestant leaders of Northern Ireland’s 6-year-old unity government to condemn the violence. □





## “Save the Reefs” efforts with Jolly Pirates: Local Children learn how we each can make a difference

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Jolly Pirates is helping to head that cause with a “Save the Reefs” Bracelet Program. All funds generated from the Jolly Pirates program recently went to sponsor school children with several classes on water safety, fish identification and responsible sailing and snorkeling instruction.

Jolly Pirates Captain Julio Payares, explains, “With nearly fifteen years sailing Aruba, we are all ready to devote our time for this



worthy cause To raise more awareness for healthy coral reefs in Aruba Carla Cavallaro, who manages the Jolly Pirates designed a trio of bracelets which their snorkel and sunset sail guests are given in exchange for a small donation. Every bit of the funds collected go towards educational programs and protection efforts to preserve Aruba's spectacular underwater landscapes of coral reefs.”

It was impressive that the majority of children who benefitted from the recent programs share an affinity with the sea as second and third generation kids of families involved in the water sports industry. After participating in an essay contest, the kids enjoyed instruction from the knowledgeable Canicio Van Der Biezen, and then had the opportunity to practice their newly-learned skills on three private sails aboard the teak schooner Jolly Pirates. The program was a success through the generous contributions of many individuals, including school teachers, boat captains, master divers and rescue workers, as well as each person who chose to donate through Jolly Pirates' Bracelet Program.

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## Loyal visitors honored at the Costa Linda Beach Resort

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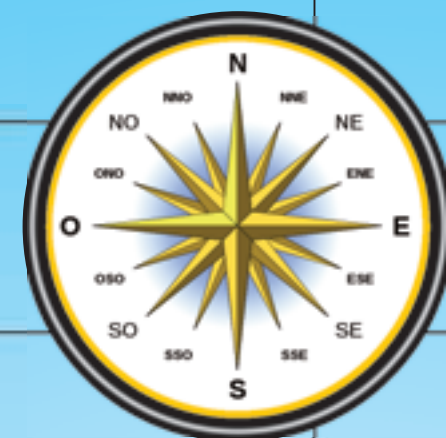
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## Brady, Brees meet in matchup of 2 top teams

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Before the NFL season, the New Orleans Saints' visit to the New England Patriots on Sunday loomed as a milestone matchup.

Patriots passer Tom Brady would have a chance to tie Drew Brees' NFL record of 54 consecutive regular-season games with a touchdown pass. Both teams would be unbeaten. Not anymore.

That scenario disappeared when New England lost to Cincinnati 13-6 last Sunday. But Patriots-Saints still brings together two of the best.

While their combined record is 9-1, Brady is having one of his worst seasons. And both teams have struggled to score touchdowns in the red zone.

The return of coach Sean Payton from a suspension for the bounties scandal has sparked New Orleans, particularly on offense where it is ranked fourth in the NFL.

Shockingly, throwing the ball has been a problem for Brady and the Patriots. The running game has also been inconsistent.

At least Brady might get back outstanding tight end Rob Gronkowski from a myriad of injuries and sur-



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) hands off the ball to running back Khiry Robinson (29) during the first half of an NFL football game against the Chicago Bears, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Chicago.

geries.

"I just want us to score points, so whatever it takes to score points, that's what matters," Brady said. "I think you let your emotions get into it and feelings and so forth — I mean realistically, you have to come up with a plan we have to

figure out to score points." New Orleans has had no such issues. Brees has Marques Colston, Darren Sproles, Pierre Thomas and a pretty fair tight end, too, in Jimmy Graham. He also, for the first time in a long while, has a solid defense on his side.

Some are calling the Jacksonville Jaguars' visit to the Denver Broncos the biggest mismatch in NFL history. The Jaguars are winless, the Broncos unbeaten, and favored by more than four touchdowns.

The Jaguars have been ridiculed nearly every-

where. That includes on the Broncos' Twitter account, which noted that Denver scored 51 points in beating Dallas last Sunday, the same number of points Jacksonville has managed all year.

"My whole life I've been an underdog, so it doesn't change anything," said Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew, one of the few Jacksonville players who could make Denver's roster. "When things aren't going well you try to find challenges throughout, and obviously the Broncos are No. 1 in rush defense, so that's a big challenge for us."

Not to mention slowing down an offense averaging 46 points a game.

"Obviously, facing an offense that's playing at the highest level of anybody in the league, but we try not to get too caught up on that," first year coach Gus Bradley said. "It's more about what we need to do and what we can get accomplished."

The Broncos can accomplish a 17-game regular-season winning streak dating to last Oct. 15.

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Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson (28) celebrates after scoring a 3rd quarter touchdown during the NFL football game against Pittsburgh Steelers at Wembley Stadium, London, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013.

Associated Press

## AP Source: Dead 2-year-old is Peterson's son

**DAVE CAMPBELL**  
AP Pro Football Writer  
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minnesota

**(AP)** — Authorities say a 2-year-old has died of injuries suffered in an alleged child abuse case in South Dakota, and a person with knowledge of the situation tells The Associated Press the boy is the son of Minnesota Vikings star Adrian Peterson.

Lincoln County State's Attorney Tom Wollman confirmed the death of the child Friday.

He had been in critical condition in a hospital with severe head injuries since Wednesday.

Peterson declined to talk about the case while at practice Friday, and prosecutors and police in South Dakota de-

clined to confirm the boy was his son.

However, a person with knowledge of the situation confirmed the connection on condition of anonymity because Peterson had requested privacy in the matter.

A 27-year-old man, Joseph Patterson, has been charged with battery in the child's death. □



# Cutler, Bears edge winless Giants 27-21

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Chicago extended the New York Giants' miserable start to the NFL season by winning 27-21 on Thursday, with quarterback Jay Cutler and receiver Brandon Marshall combining on two touchdowns and Tim Jennings making three interceptions. New York is 0-6 for the first time since the 1976 team dropped its first nine, a stunning decline for a franchise that won the Super Bowl two years ago.

Cutler and Marshall were in tune early on, connecting for two touchdowns, and Jennings returned an interception 48 yards for a score as the Bears (4-2) built a 24-14 halftime lead.

Chicago was up by 13 in the closing seconds of the third quarter when Jennings got called for interference near the goal line and New York's Brandon Jacobs ran in for a touch-

down from the 1-yard line. That cut it to 27-21, but Jennings made up for that mistake with 1:54 left in the game by picking off an overthrown Eli Manning pass.

Cutler was 24 of 36 for 262 yards after throwing for 358 against New Orleans last week. Marshall played a huge role in this one after venting over a lack of catches against the Saints, finishing with nine receptions for 87 yards. Martellus Bennett had 68 yards on six catches against his former team, while Alshon Jeffery had just one reception after going off for a franchise-record 218 yards in the previous game.

Robbie Gould kicked two field goals, including a 52-yarder in the third quarter that gave him 12 straight conversions from 50 or longer, and the Bears struggled past one of the

NFL's four winless teams.

The Giants came in clinging to the idea that they could claw their way back into the NFC East race because every team in the division has a losing record. It's hard to see that happening now, given the way they're playing.

Manning, the owner of two championship rings, completed 14 of 26 passes for 239 yards and a touchdown, but he ran his league-worst total to 15 interceptions, already matching last season's number. He had passes picked off on the first two possessions, with Jennings' 48-yard TD coming on the second one.

Rueben Randle had 75 yards receiving and a touchdown for New York. Brandon Jacobs, starting for the injured David Wilson, ran for 106 yards and two scores. □



New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) gets sacked by Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs (55) and defensive end Corey Wootton (98) in the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, in Chicago.

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On Thursday, Jay Cutler threw two touchdown passes to Brandon Marshall, and Tim Jennings had two of Chicago's three interceptions against Eli Manning as the Bears kept the New York Giants winless by 27-21.

New York is 0-6 for the first time since the 1976 team dropped its first nine, a stunning turn for a franchise that won the Super Bowl two years ago.

Also on Sunday, it's Oakland at Kansas City, Washington at Dallas, Green Bay at Baltimore, Tennessee at Seattle, Arizona at San Francisco, St. Louis at Houston, Cincinnati at Buffalo, Detroit at Cleveland, Pittsburgh at the New York Jets; Philadelphia at Tampa Bay and Carolina at Minnesota.

On Monday, it's Indianapolis at San Diego. □



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) is sacked by Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Wallace Gilberry (95) in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Cincinnati.

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# Bradley risked health to win fans, get Marquez

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Timothy Bradley remembers the first and final rounds of his last bout. The rest has vanished into a foggy haze.

The welterweight champion candidly acknowledges his brain took a beating in his victory over Ruslan Provodnikov last March. Determined to prove his ring bravery to a doubting public, Bradley (30-0, 12 KOs) consciously abandoned years of technical discipline and waded into a fistfight with the Siberian brawler.

"I wanted to prove to people that I was the true champion," Bradley said this week. "I was going to prove it to everybody just by trying to knock out Ruslan. I was trying to show a different side of me."

He paid for it with a swollen skull, ugly injuries and two months of pain and slurred speech. Yet it's a transaction he would make again. "I still want the fans to be happy," Bradley said. "I'm a four-time world champion, and I'm trying to build a fan base. That's tough. I'm trying to make the real big money."

I think about all of this. ... I almost died in that fight, but I loved the attention after it."

That visceral display in an outdoor ring in Carson, Calif., set him up for a lucrative pay-per-view fight against vaunted Mexican champion Juan Manuel Marquez in Las Vegas on Saturday night. Bradley is determined to be smarter against Marquez, but he also remembers how he got to the Thomas and Mack Center.

"I'm not stupid," he said. "I know a lot of people are probably going to watch



Timothy Bradley, second from left, and Juan Manuel Marquez pose for photos after a news conference, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, in Las Vegas. The two boxers meet Saturday for Bradley's WBO welterweight title.

Associated Press

this fight because of that fight."

Bradley's strategy stemmed from his fury and confusion after his victory over Manny Pacquiao in his previous fight.

The decision was among the most criticized in recent boxing history, and Bradley took it all very personally. The online comments on Twitter and Facebook would start at 5 a.m. and wouldn't stop until about 3:30 a.m. the next day, leaving Bradley baffled by the trolls' tenacity.

"Man, they wake up thinking about me," he said. "I was in a bad place. A lot of people lost a lot of respect for me, especially the fans, after the Pacquiao fight. A lot of people were like, 'Bradley is a fake champion. He doesn't deserve the belt.'"

Nine months of simmering anger culminated in a decision he announced to his wife, Monica, the night before his fight against Provodnikov.

"I was like, 'I'm going to beat him down. I'm going through him,'" Bradley said. "And my wife was scared. She said, 'Don't do it, don't do it.' She cried that night, because she knew what I was going to do. When it happened after the first round, in the second round, she got up and left, because she knew my plans. She knew it wasn't going to get any better."

Bradley remembers getting knocked down by Provodnikov in the first round, and he recalls the brutal 12th round. He has watched the other 10 rounds on video.

"I was just blown away," Bradley said. "I was like,

'Wow, why did I fight like that?' I just couldn't believe that I was able to take that many big shots like that, and I couldn't believe I was still standing after the fight. It just showed me what type of fighter I am, the type of heart I have, the type of determination I have."

The fighters traded huge shots throughout the night, including a dynamic sixth round. Bradley also returned to his usual sharp boxing for long stretches with prodding from his infuriated trainer, Joel Diaz, who threatened to stop the fight if Bradley didn't stop taking crazy risks.

Bradley is imprecise about the nature of his injuries, just saying everything "felt weird for a while." At Monica's insistence, he consulted with brain doctors in

New York and Long Beach, embarking on a program of therapeutic exercises to bring his brain back to proper function.

Doctors couldn't decide whether Bradley had an actual concussion, as he suspected from the first round on. The visible injuries were more than enough to frighten his family.

"My son couldn't stand to look at me," Bradley said. "He couldn't believe the way I fought. He said, 'You're better than that, Tim. You're better than that.'"

Bradley knew his son was correct — and yet it worked.

He had changed the perception of the wide majority of boxing fans who love all-action fights, even if they inevitably shorten their fighters' career. □



# Tigers beat A's to reach ALCS again

**JANIE McCAULEY**

**AP Baseball Writer**

**OAKLAND, California (AP)**

— Detroit won through to another appearance in the American League Championship Series by beating Oakland 3-0 on Friday, sealing a 3-2 series victory, with Justin Verlander in dominant form on the mound. The Tigers became the first team to reach the ALCS in three straight years since the New York Yankees from 1998-2001.

Their opponent will be Boston, which will host Game 1 on Saturday. Despite both being historic clubs, they have never before faced each other in the playoffs. Verlander held Oakland hitless into the seventh inning but a two-out single by Yoenis Cespedes ended his bid to record the third no-hitter in postseason history. Verlander made it a post-season-record 30 straight scoreless innings against one team. He struck out 10 in eight innings.

His performance on Friday was reminiscent of his gem — one day short of a year

ago — when he pitched a shutout against the A's in another Game 5.

"It felt good out there," Verlander said. "It's the first time in a while my change-up's been really good. This lineup with a bunch of left-handed hitters; that was a big pitch for me."

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning for his first home run in three weeks and just his third extra-base hit in 99 at-bats. That ended a 20-inning scoreless streak by the Tigers at the Coliseum.

Oakland's rookie starter Sonny Gray danced with danger from the start with stuff not nearly as crisp as just five nights before when he matched zeros with Verlander in Game 2.

A's manager Bob Melvin went with Gray over 18-game winner and 40-year-old Bartolo Colon, who yielded three first-inning runs to lose Game 1.

Verlander didn't allow a baserunner until issuing a one-out walk in the sixth — but the no-hit bid remained until Cespedes' single the



**Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander delivers a pitch in the seventh inning of Game 5 of an American League baseball division series against the Oakland Athletics in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

next inning.

Verlander had 21 strikeouts

over his two starts of the series. He has 43 strikeouts

in his four playoff outings against Oakland over the past two years.

The A's saw their season end at the hands of Detroit for the third time in as many postseasons, including in a four-game sweep in the 2006 ALCS.

Oakland has lost its past six winner-take-all Game 5s and fell to 1-12 in potential clinchers since 2000. The A's struck out 57 times; the most ever in a best-of-five playoff series.

The Tigers are determined to take the next step and win a championship after being swept in four games of the 2012 World Series by the San Francisco Giants.

"That's the motivation that we've been looking for, that we've had all year," Verlander said. "Guys like Torii (Hunter) who wasn't a part of our team last year, he comes in and he's got that urge. He wants to win that championship before he retires. Everybody else that was here that had a taste of that last year how much it hurts, it's that extra driving factor." □



**Rafael Nadal, left, of Spain celebrates after defeating Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka; and Serbia's Novak Djokovic; right; celebrates after defeating France's Gael Monfils at their singles quarterfinal match of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center, in Shanghai, China, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013.**

**Associated Press**



**JUSTIN BERGMAN**

**Associated Press**

**SHANGHAI (AP)**

— Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal overcame tough challenges in their quarterfinals at the Shanghai Masters on Friday to edge closer to another possible showdown in

the final.

Djokovic, the defending champion, survived a highly taut, draining battle against Gael Monfils, rallying to win 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4 in nearly 2 ½ hours.

Top-ranked Nadal saved three set points and finally

## Djokovic, Nadal survive tough battles in Shanghai

closed out a 20-minute tie-break in the first set against Stanislas Wawrinka before winning 7-6 (10), 6-1.

Djokovic and Nadal improved to a combined 20-0 record against the pair.

Their semifinal opponents had far easier matches. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga defeated Florian Mayer 6-2, 6-3, while Juan Martin del Potro advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Nicolas Almagro. Tsonga next plays Djokovic, while del Potro meets Nadal.

If Djokovic and Nadal do meet in the final, it would be their 39th professional matchup — and second in as many weeks. Djokovic defeated Nadal last Sunday in the China Open final in Beijing after the Spaniard was assured of retaking the No. 1 ranking from him.

Djokovic looked out of sorts against Monfils. The Serb hadn't been broken in his two previous matches in Shanghai, but he dropped serve twice in the first three games.

"Inexplicably, I started serving quite bad, but not many unforced errors," he said. "It's just sometimes that you start off slowly and you're not feeling the ball as much."

Monfils played remarkable defense in the first set, sliding and stretching for every ball and forcing errors. At one point, Djokovic was so frustrated, he clenched his fists and let out a full-throated scream.

"Today was a very physical match and very intense," he said. "I knew coming into the match that he's going to run for every ball

and he's going to make me play an extra shot. Sometimes I was even surprised with the balls that he's getting back."

In the second set, it was Monfils' turn to get emotional. Down 3-1, he sprinted after a drop shot and did a split trying to reach it, falling on his back. After lying still for 15 seconds, he finally wandered back to the service line — and received a time violation.

Monfils angrily questioned the umpire about the rule and berated him further on the changeover. Then, a couple of games later, he began grimacing in pain and took an injury timeout to have a trainer massage his abdominal muscles. He never recovered, looking increasingly drained in the third set. □



# Avalanche win again, beat Bruins 2-0

The Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 39 saves in his 37th NHL shut-out, and the Colorado Avalanche improved to 4-0 with a 2-0 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday. NHL Capsules

The Avalanche's 4-0 record under new coach Patrick Roy is their best mark since the franchise relocated from Quebec to Colorado for the 1995-96 season.

Giguere, making his first start of the season, made several sparkling saves. His best came midway through the second period when he stoned Patrice Bergeron on a 2-on-1 rush.

Ryan O'Reilly gave the Avalanche the lead in the final minute of the first period and Matt Duchene sealed the win with an empty-net goal in the closing seconds.

Andre Benoit and Duchene assisted on O'Reilly's goal. Tuukka Rask stopped 28 shots for Boston and has allowed only three goals in three games. Boston was blanked for the first time in 72 games.

**DUCKS 6, RANGERS 0**

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Jakob Silfverberg scored twice, Jonas Hiller made 34 saves for his 17th NHL shut-out, and Anaheim routed the New York Rangers in the home opener of the Ducks' 20th season.

Teemu Selanne and Mathieu Perreault assisted on both goals by linemate Silfverberg, who had the second two-goal game of his career. He has scored four goals in his first four games with the team. Dustin Penner and Daniel Winnik each added a goal and an assist.

New York has been outscored 20-6 to start their first season under new coach Alain Vigneault. The Rangers lost 9-2 at San Jose on Tuesday.

The Ducks outshot the Rangers 37-34 for their third win in a row in the teams' first meeting in nearly two years.

Playing without injured All-Star forward Rick Nash, the Rangers fell to 1-3 on their nine-game trip, the longest to open a season in franchise history.

New York's Henrik Lundqvist, a finalist for the Vezina Trophy last season, stopped 31 shots in losing for the third time in four games.

**HURRICANES 3, CAPITALS 2**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nathan Gerbe scored the tie-breaking goal at 6:59 of the third period, Anton Khudobin stopped 30 shots, and Carolina beat Washington. Elias Lindholm and former Capitals forward Alexander Semin also scored for the Hurricanes.

Jason Chimera and Alex Ovechkin had goals for the Capitals, who won four of five from Carolina last season. Ovechkin has seven points (five goals, two assists), the most he has had after four games since 2010.

The Capitals went 0 for 5 with the extra man after converting six of 12 power-play opportunities during their first three games.

**BLUE JACKETS 4, SABRES 1**

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — Marian Gaborik had a goal and two assists, and Columbus kept Buffalo winless.

Cam Atkinson, Nick Foligno and Brandon Dubinsky also scored for Columbus. Sergei Bobrovsky made 26 saves for the Blue Jackets.

Thomas Vanek scored for Buffalo, and Ryan Miller stopped 29 shots for the Sabres, who fell to 0-4-1. It is their worst start since they went 0-5-2 to open the 1999-2000 season.

**COYOTES 4, RED WINGS 2**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Michael Stone's goal with 4:47 left broke a tie and lifted Phoenix over Detroit.

Derek Morris and Antoine Vermette both had a goal and an assist, and Mikkel Boedker also scored for Phoenix. Mike Smith made 28 saves.

Joakim Andersson and Jonathan Ericsson scored for Detroit, and Jimmy Howard



Columbus Blue Jackets center Artem Anisimov (42), of Russia, watches an incoming shot as Buffalo Sabres goaltender Ryan Miller (30) defends during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Buffalo, N.Y., Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013.

Associated Press

stopped 35 shots. Anderson and Ericsson scored 53 seconds apart early in the second period to give the Red Wings a 2-1 lead.

Stone fired a slap shot from the right point that went through teammate Martin Hanzal's and caromed in off the far goal post. It came 2 seconds after a Coyotes' power play ended.

Vermette added an empty-net goal in the last minute.

**LIGHTNING 7, PANTHERS 2**

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Steven Stamkos had three goals and an assist, Valtteri Filppula added two goals, and Tampa Bay routed Florida.

Martin St. Louis added a goal and an assist for the Lightning, who have won three in a row after a season-opening loss at Boston. Ben Bishop improved to 3-0. Florida, which lost three of four during a season-opening road trip, got goals from Brad Boyes and Jonathan Huberdeau.

Stamkos, second in the NHL with 29 goals during the abbreviated 2012-13 season, stopped a five-game scoring drought, dating to last season. The center completed his sixth NHL hat trick with a one-timer from the top of the left circle during a power play at 12:25 of the third. □

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# Stocks rise as DC debt talks continue on positive path

**JOSHUA FREED**  
**AP Business Writer**

The closer Washington gets to a deal over the debt ceiling, the higher stocks go. Stock prices rose for a second day in a row on Friday as investors bet against a U.S. debt default. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 111 points Friday, bringing its two-day gain

to 434. Its jump on Thursday was the biggest this year. Call it the Sigh of Relief Rally. A partial government shutdown pushed the Dow below 15,000 this week before President Barack Obama and House Republicans met on Thursday to talk about the outlines for a possible deal. Obama and Republican senators met on Friday, too.

Stocks set new highs in mid-September but declined steadily since then as the federal government got closer to the partial shutdown that began Oct. 1. That shutdown entered its 11th day on Friday. Even more troubling for investors is the expectation that the government will reach its borrowing limit on Oct. 17, which raises

the possibility of a default on government borrowing. U.S. government bonds are usually considered the world's safest investment, so even the possibility of a default has rattled investors.

"It's nice when the world does not revolve around politicians making decisions for Wall Street," said Ralph Fogel, investment strategist and partner at Fogel Neale Partners in New York.

The Dow rose 111.04 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 15,237.11. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.64 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,703.20. The Nasdaq rose 31.13 points, or 0.8 percent, to 3,791.87. Kim Forrest, an equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh, said it's too soon to assume that the meetings in Washington will avert a default.

"That's super that they're talking to each other, but what on Earth is the agreement going to look like, and is it going to stave off default? I don't think we know that yet," Forrest said. "I think the stock market is getting ahead of itself."

All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 index rose, led by energy and technology

companies.

Gold fell, and took gold mining stocks down with it. Gold for December delivery fell \$28.70, or 2.2 percent, to \$1,268.20 per ounce, its lowest price since mid-July. Mining company Barrick Gold fell 73 cents, or 3.9 percent, to \$17.81. Newmont Mining fell 68 cents, or 2.6 percent, to \$25.62.

The price of crude oil fell 99 cents to \$102.02 a barrel after a report showed growing supplies of oil outside of OPEC.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose slightly to 2.69 percent from 2.68 percent.

The stock gains were enough to put the big indexes back into positive territory for the week, other than the Nasdaq, which fell almost a half-percent this week.

Among other stocks making notable moves:

— Safeway rose \$2.18, or 7 percent, to \$33.75, the biggest gain in the S&P 500 index. The grocery store operator said late Thursday that it plans to sell its Chicago-area Dominick's stores, allowing it to concentrate on its more profitable business. □



Trader Peter Tuchman watches as the Dow Jones industrial average goes above 100 points a few minutes before the closing bell, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013. Stock prices rose on Friday as investors bet against a U.S. debt default. It was the second day of gains after the Dow Jones industrial average posted its biggest point rise of the year on Thursday. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

# Del Monte sells foods business to focus on pets

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Del Monte Foods is selling off its fruit and vegetable business to focus instead on tasty vittles for pets.

The San Francisco-based company said Friday that it is selling its consumer products business, which includes canned Del Monte pineapple and Contadina tomatoes, to Del Monte Pacific Ltd. in Asia for \$1.68 billion. It will then begin catering solely to the tastes of furrier consumers through its pets business, which includes brands such as Pup-Peroni, Meow Mix and Milk-Bones.

Del Monte Pacific, which is publicly traded in Singapore and the Philippines, said the deal will add about \$1.8 billion to its annual sales and \$178 million to operating earnings.

The Asia-based company already owns one of the world's largest pineapple plantations and said it would benefit from owning brands that have significant market share in canned fruit, vegetables and broth in the U.S.

Del Monte Foods said that it will change its name once the deal is complete, which is expected in early 2014.

The privately held company said that it expects the pet products market will grow as consumers increasingly consider pets as part of their family and increase their spending on premium pet food. It recently added to this part of its business with the \$341.4 million acquisition of specialty brand Natural Balance in July. □



An advertisement for Meow Mix Cat Food. Del Monte Foods is selling off its fruit and vegetable business to focus instead on tasty vittles for pets.

(Handout Photo)



## Activision lands deal for most of Vivendi's stake

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Thanks to a court's timely intervention, Activision Blizzard on Friday closed its deal to buy a majority of Vivendi's stake in the video game maker for \$8.2 billion.

The speedy closing comes just a day after the Delaware Supreme Court struck down an injunction by a lower court that prevented the transaction from being completed.

With the deal's closing, Activision Blizzard, the maker of the blockbuster "Call of Duty" franchise, will become an independent company, though still under the control of its chief executive, Robert Kotick, and its chairman, Brian Kelly.

"The incredible shareholder response that we've gotten from institutional shareholders to the deal has been a great validation,"

Kotick said in a phone interview.

The transaction was long in the making but began coalescing several months ago when Kotick assembled a group of partners to help buy out most of Vivendi's stake.

Kotick had long wanted a firmer grasp over the company that he has built into a video game behemoth. As Vivendi, the French conglomerate, grappled with issues in its other businesses and was increasingly diverted from Activision Blizzard, he moved to take control.

In late July, Activision Blizzard announced that Vivendi would reduce its stake to 12 percent from 61 percent.

But the plan was dealt a surprising setback last month when a Delaware Chancery Court judge intervened as part of a shareholder's lawsuit against the deal. The judge, Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster, ruled that Activision Blizzard's certificate of incorporation required a shareholder vote on the deal. □

## JPMorgan reported Q3 loss on legal costs

**JESSICA SILVER-GREENBERG**

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JPMorgan Chase, the nation's largest bank, reported a third-quarter net loss of \$380 million on Friday as it continued to grapple with a raft of regulatory and legal woes.

The added costs dragged down JPMorgan's results as the bank posted a net loss of 17 cents a share. JPMorgan's earnings were eroded, in large part, by a legal expense of \$9.2 billion.

"While we had strong underlying performance across the businesses, unfortunately, the quarter was marred by large legal expense," Jamie Dimon, the bank's chief executive, said in a statement.

The third-quarter earnings report came as JPMorgan is enmeshed in protracted negotiations with the Justice Department to resolve investigations of questionable mortgage practices. During the negotiations - which have occurred in fits and starts - JPMorgan has offered to pay a fine of roughly \$7 billion and provide \$4 billion in relief for struggling homeowners to wrap up a range of mortgage-related headaches, according to people familiar with the matter. The settlement is still in flux, though, and the monetary penalties could change.

JPMorgan "continues to seek a fair and reasonable settlement with the government on mortgage-related

issues - and one that recognizes the extraordinary circumstances of the Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual transactions, which were undertaken at the request or encouragement of the U.S. government," Dimon said.

Dimon's reference to a

that was blessed by the federal government.

Excluding the one-time costs, JPMorgan's earnings were \$5.8 billion, or \$1.42 a share, exceeding Wall Street analysts' expectations of \$4.65 billion, or \$1.21 a share.

Revenue fell to \$23.9 billion,

could have anticipated even a short while ago."

Adding to its legal costs, JPMorgan agreed to pay \$1 billion in September to resolve sweeping investigations into a multibillion-dollar trading loss in May 2012.

To help cushion against



**JPMorgan Chase Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon is interviewed on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. JPMorgan Chase, the biggest U.S. bank by assets, reported on Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, a third-quarter loss after a big charge for legal expenses.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

"fair and reasonable settlement" evokes his earlier statements, which have called the government's investigations related to Bear Stearns unfair. JPMorgan purchased the failing bank during the depths of the financial crisis, a deal

from \$25.9 billion in the period a year earlier. Analysts had estimated revenue of \$24.06 billion.

Marianne Lake, JPMorgan's chief financial officer, cautioned that legal expenses were "significantly larger than even we

those legal costs, JPMorgan Chase set aside \$23 billion in litigation reserves - a figure that the bank has not previously disclosed. That pot of money includes the \$9.15 billion, which the bank added during the third quarter. □

## Wells Fargo's profit up 13 percent; revenue slips

**MARCY GORDON**  
AP Business Writer

Third-quarter profit for Wells Fargo & Co., the biggest U.S. mortgage lender, jumped 13 percent as a decline in revenue from mortgage lending was offset by reduced expenses and fewer soured loans.

**THE RESULTS:** Net income increased to \$5.6 billion in the July-September period from \$4.9 billion a year earlier. On a per-share basis, earnings were 99 cents, beating the 97 cents forecast by Wall Street.

Third-quarter revenue dipped to \$20.5 billion from \$21.2 billion, coming in below the analysts' forecast of \$21.1 billion. The bank's stock fell 87 cents, or 2 percent, to \$40.58 in early trading. **HOW IT HAPPENED:** Interest rates on U.S. mortgages rose sharply in the spring and summer. That had a negative impact on Wells Fargo's mortgage business.

The San Francisco-based bank controls nearly a third of the U.S. mortgage market. Much of its lending

business has been coming from mortgage refinancing, which was reduced by the spike in interest rates.

Wells Fargo funded \$80 billion worth of mortgages in the third quarter, down from \$139 billion a year earlier. Fewer bad loans in an improving housing market cut Wells Fargo's lending losses to \$975 million from \$2.4 billion in the third quarter of 2012.

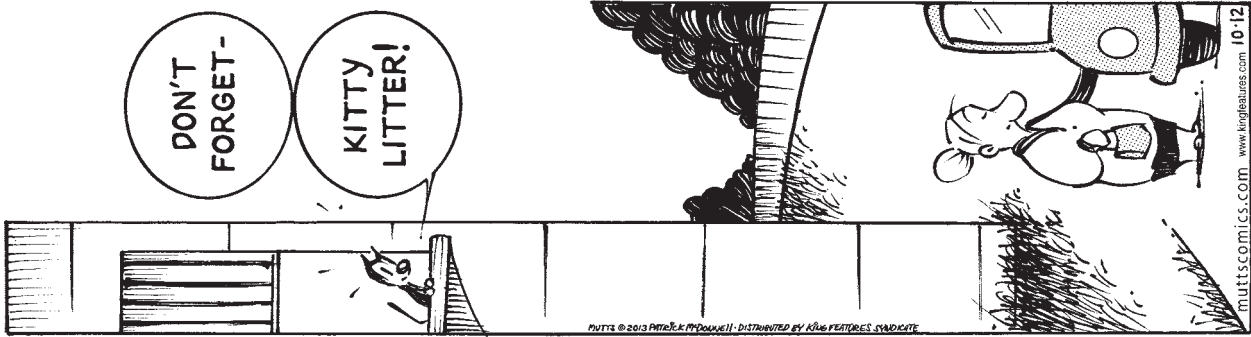
The bank reduced expenses to \$12.1 billion, down \$153 million from the second quarter. The savings

were mainly due to reduced employee bonuses and legal costs.

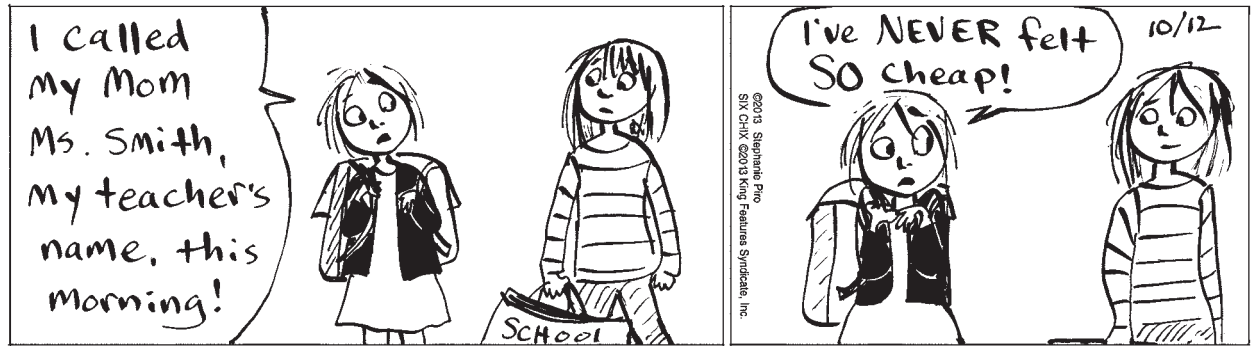
**WHAT'S NEXT?** The bank had said back in July that higher interest rates would impact its mortgage business. Now, Wells Fargo says it will be in a strong position with its variety of businesses to weather the economy's move to higher interest rates. Strong revenue growth is coming from credit cards, personal credit management and retirement services, the bank says. □



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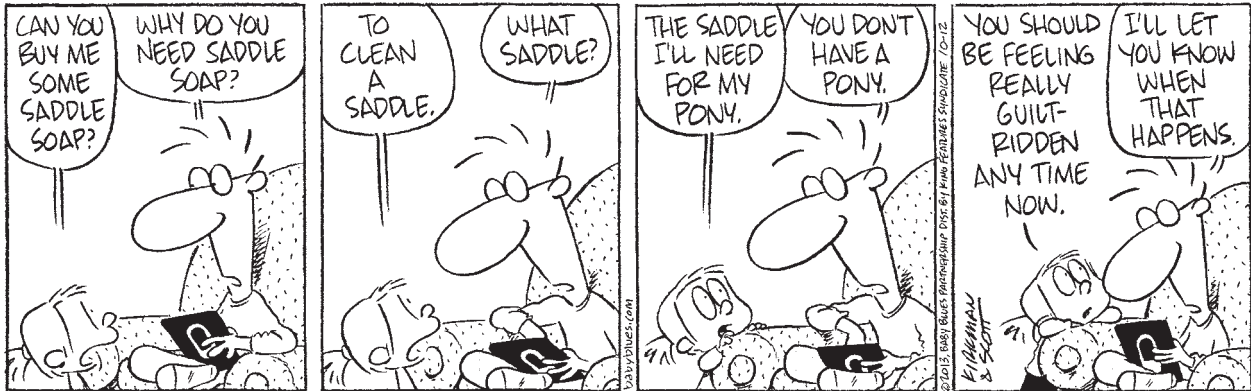
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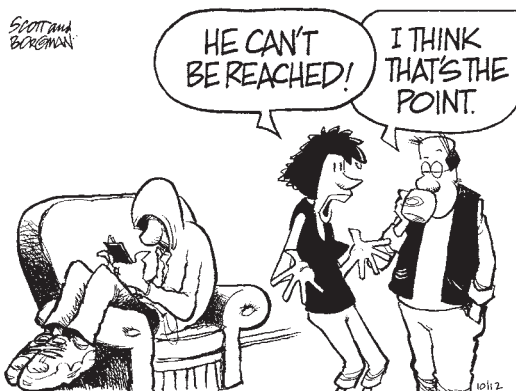
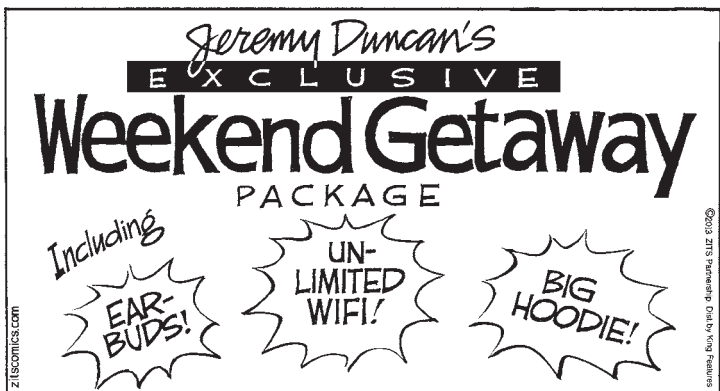
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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15 Higher berth  
16 Leave out  
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25 Drops a lover  
26 VP Spiro  
29 Swim \_\_\_; diver's flipper  
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34 Drop of sweat  
35 Panama or fez  
36 Swordsman  
37 Conjunction  
38 Mate  
40 Fraternity letter  
41 Spiraled  
43 Recede  
44 Holler  
45 24 \_\_\_ gold  
46 Curved band  
47 Full of lather  
48 Too loose, as pants  
50 Have a bug  
51 Diligent student  
54 Priest's cap  
58 "...a partridge in a \_\_\_ tree."  
59 Joy \_\_\_ of TV's "The View"  
61 Closed circle  
62 Shaping tool  
63 Sierra \_\_\_  
64 Villain  
65 Require  
66 Trimmed a lawn's border  
67 Departs

DOWN

- 1 Study late for tomorrow's test  
2 Racing sled  
3 TV's Trebek  
4 Wanted  
5 Soviet labor camp  
6 Come \_\_\_; find  
7 Relevant  
8 Hold on to  
9 Like a wry sense of humor  
10 Lyndon B. \_\_\_  
11 Biblical book  
12 Metal thread  
13 Night twinkler  
21 Crow's remark  
23 Say  
25 Nervous  
26 Taken \_\_\_; surprised  
27 Italian seaport home of Christopher Columbus  
28 Lowest point  
29 Distant  
31 Played a role  
32 Makes airtight  
33 Indeed  
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# Venezuelan beauty contest bridges political divide

**JORGE RUEDA**  
Associated Press  
**CARACAS, Venezuela**  
**(AP)** — Venezuelans have trouble agreeing on anything these days, whether it's who really won the election to replace Hugo Chavez or who to blame for this South American na-

at next year's Miss Universe pageant. Even as regular Venezuelans struggle to contend with galloping inflation, shortages of basic goods such as toilet paper and strict currency controls, the beauty contest, now in its 61st edition, is experienc-

pageants rank alongside baseball as the country's most-followed diversion, one that transcends social class. A whole industry of grooming schools, plastic surgeons and beauty salons has emerged to prepare young women for the thousands of pageants that take place each year around the country in schools, army barracks and even prisons. "It doesn't matter if you're Chavista or a government opponent, this is one sin we all share," Jose Luiz Martinez, a 21-year-old college student, said yesterday in downtown Caracas. As if to prove that point, Maria Eugenia Enriquez, wearing a red shirt stamped with the piercing gaze of the late Chavez, said she never misses the festivities. □



Contestants pose during the Miss Venezuela beauty pageant in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013. From left, Miss Amazonas Debora Menicucci, Miss Anzoategui Daniela Briceno, Miss Apure Rogegsy Rivas, Miss Aragua Stephani de Zorsi, Miss Barinas Yaro Serpa, Miss Bolivar Fiorella Di Sabatino, Miss Carabobo Mariella Agriesti. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

tion's mounting economic woes. But for a few gala-filled hours, they put all that aside to embrace a shared national obsession: beauty. In what is traditionally the country's most-watched television event, millions tuned in Thursday night to watch as 18-year-old Migbelis Castellanos was crowned Miss Venezuela. The 5-foot-7-inch, green-eyed blonde is a political science and communications college student from the state of Zulia. The youngest of 26 finalists competing for the crown, she'll represent Venezuela

ing something of a rebirth. After four years of reduced budgets and smaller venues, the pageant returned this year to Caracas' main indoor arena, the Poliedro, with a capacity of 15,000. Interest was also piqued by a new reality show beamed across Latin America, called "Miss Venezuela: Everything for the Crown," which followed the finalists as they learned to walk, talk and smile their way to glory. Venezuela has won more major international beauty competitions than any other nation, including six Miss Universe titles, and beauty

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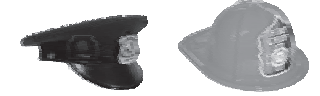
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# Israel conference: Cavemen discovered recycling

ARIEL DAVID

Associated Press

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** — If you thought recycling was just a modern phenomenon championed by environmentalists and concerned urbanites — think again.

There is mounting evidence that hundreds of thousands of years ago, our prehistoric ancestors learned to recycle the objects they used in their daily lives, say researchers gathered at an international conference in Israel.

"For the first time we are revealing the extent of this phenomenon, both in terms of the amount of recycling that went on and the different methods used," said Ran Barkai, an archaeologist and one of the organizers of the four-day gathering at Tel Aviv University that ended Thursday. Just as today we recycle materials such as paper and plastic to manufacture new items, early hominids would collect discarded or broken tools made of flint and bone to create new utensils, Barkai said. The behavior "appeared at different times, in different places, with different methods according to the context and the availability of raw materials," he told The Associated Press. From caves in Spain and North Africa to sites in Italy and Israel, archaeologists have been finding such recycled tools



**This Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013 photo shows the stone age recycling site cave at the north of Israel next to the city of Zichron Yaakov. There is mounting evidence that already hundreds of thousands of years ago our prehistoric ancestors learned to recycle the objects they used in their daily lives, say researchers gathered here for an international conference.**

in recent years. The conference, titled "The Origins of Recycling," gathered nearly 50 scholars from about 10 countries to compare notes and figure out what the phenomenon meant for our ancestors.

Recycling was widespread not only among early humans but among our evolutionary predecessors such as Homo erectus, Neanderthals and other species of hominids that have not yet even been named, Barkai said.

Avi Gopher, a Tel Aviv University archaeologist, said the early appearance of recycling highlights its role

as a basic survival strategy. While they may not have been driven by concerns over pollution and the environment, hominids shared some of our motivations, he said.

"Why do we recycle plastic? To conserve energy and raw materials," Gopher said. "In the same way, if you recycled flint you didn't have to go all the way to the quarry to get more, so you conserved your energy and saved on the material."

Some cases may date as far back as 1.3 million years ago, according to finds in Fuente Nueva, on the

shores of a prehistoric lake in southern Spain, said Deborah Barsky, an archaeologist with the University of Tarragona. Here there was only basic reworking of flint and it was hard to tell whether this was really recycling, she said.

"I think it was just something you picked up unconsciously and used to make something else," Barsky said. "Only after years and years does this become systematic."

That started happening about half a million years ago or later, scholars said. For example, a dry pond in Castel di Guido, near

Rome, has yielded bone tools used some 300,000 years ago by Neanderthals who hunted or scavenged elephant carcasses there, said Giovanni Boschian, a geologist from the University of Pisa.

"We find several levels of reuse and recycling," he said. "The bones were shattered to extract the marrow, then the fragments were shaped into tools, abandoned, and finally reworked to be used again." At other sites, stone hand-axes and discarded flint flakes would often function as core material to create smaller tools like blades and scrapers. Sometimes hominids found a use even for the tiny flakes that flew off the stone during the knapping process.

At Qesem cave, a site near Tel Aviv dating back to between 200,000 and 420,000 years ago, Gopher and Barkai uncovered flint chips that had been reshaped into small blades to cut meat — a primitive form of cutlery. Some 10 percent of the tools found at the site were recycled in some way, Gopher said. "It was not an occasional behavior; it was part of the way they did things, part of their way of life," he said. He said scientists have various ways to determine if a tool was recycled. They can find direct evidence of retouching and reuse, or they can look at the object's patina — a progressive discoloration that occurs once stone is exposed to the elements. Differences in the patina indicate that a fresh layer of material was exposed hundreds or thousands of years after the tool's first incarnation. Some participants argued that scholars should be cautious to draw parallels between this ancient behavior and the current forms of systematic recycling, driven by mass production and environmental concerns.

"It is very useful to think about prehistoric recycling," said Daniel Amick, a professor of anthropology at Chicago's Loyola University. □

Associated Press

## John Glenn to Scott Carpenter: 'Godspeed'

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — When John Glenn soared into space as the first American in orbit, Scott Carpenter wished him bon voyage with three simple words: "Godspeed, John Glenn." Glenn bid farewell to his lifelong pal who died Thursday in the same way.

"Godspeed, Scott Carpenter — Great Friend," Glenn, the last remaining Mercury 7 astronaut, said in a statement issued by his spokesman on Friday. He added: "You are missed."

Carpenter died Thursday in a Denver hospice of complications from a September stroke. Carpenter was 88.

In February 1962 Carpenter gave Glenn the historic send-off, "Godspeed John Glenn." Carpenter followed Glenn, becoming the second American in orbit, launching on May 24, 1962.

Glenn said that history will remember Carpenter as an explorer of the heavens and the seas. □



**In this May 24, 1962 file photo provided by NASA, astronaut Scott Carpenter gestures with one hand after donning his space suit in Hangar S prior to being shot into orbit at Cape Canaveral, Fla. Carpenter, the second American to orbit the Earth and first person to explore both the heights of space and depths of the ocean, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 after a stroke. He was 88.**

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# Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton reunite on new duet

CHRIS TALBOTT

AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tennessee

(AP) — Three decades after their unforgettable team up on "Islands in the Stream," Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton have a new duet out on Rogers' latest album.

The title song from "You Can't Make Old Friends" shows once again the special chemistry he and Parton have. But Rogers says it stops there.

"Working with Dolly is a great rush for me because we are good friends and we have been forever," Rogers said. "People always thought we were having an affair and we

didn't want to ruin it because if we'd had an affair, we'd lose that spark. We just flirted a lot."

Not even one stolen kiss?

"I can't explain it but flirting is more electric than passion, it's the anticipation," Rogers said. "She does it better than anybody I've ever seen, and it's just fun. It's fun to be in the room with her." Rogers asked songwriter Don Schlitz, who wrote "The Gambler," to come up with a song he could sing with Parton that defined their relationship, and "Old Friends" was the result. There was no such premeditated planning for "Islands in the Stream." The song, written by Barry Gibb

of the Bee Gees, would eventually become a No. 1 hit on both the pop and country charts. But Rogers admits struggling with it before Parton entered the studio.

"I sang it for four days without her and I said, 'I don't even like this song anymore,'" Rogers said. "So my manager had just run into Dolly and he brought her in, and in 40 minutes it just took on a whole different personality."

The release this week of the new album kicks off an eventful month for the 75-year-old Rogers. He'll be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame on Oct. 27.



This Sept. 4, 2013 photo shows country music artist Kenny Rogers at The Hot Seat in Nashville, Tenn. Rogers' latest album, "You Can't Make Old Friends," was released on Oct. 8.

Associated Press

"I'm in a wonderful place in my life," Rogers said. "I've been married 16 years, been together for 21. I have two boys that

are 9 years old that are just wonderful, and I'm still allowed to chase my dream a bit. What more do you need?" □

## McCartney gives impromptu concert in Times Square

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul McCartney is on a roll this week.

A day after performing at a New York City high school,

the ex-Beatle surprised fans Thursday with an impromptu concert in Times Square.

McCartney announced the concert on Twitter and

then arrived by taxi at the "Crossroads of the World" an hour later.

Despite the short notice, thousands of fans flocked

to the busy midtown-Manhattan intersection for the lunchtime concert.

The 71-year-old rocker sang four songs from his latest al-

bum "New" from a trailer parked on West 46th Street and Broadway.

He joked: "Let's do this the same time tomorrow." □

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Feb. 19, 2013 file photo shows Ginnifer Goodwin, left, and Josh Dallas at the 15th Annual Costume Designers Guild Awards in Beverly Hills.

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## Goodwin and Dallas to marry

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ginnifer Goodwin and Josh Dallas' fairy tale extends beyond their day jobs.

The actors, both 35, play Snow White and Prince Charming on ABC's "Once Upon a Time" and have announced their engagement.

The couple met while working on the show and began dating in 2011.

Goodwin was previously engaged to actor Joey

Kern, while Dallas was married to Lara Pulver from 2007-2011.

On her official Twitter account, Goodwin wrote Friday, "From my soon-2-be Mrs-Dallas head 2 my soon-2-be Mrs-Dallas-toes, I'm oh-so grateful 4 your well wishes! THANK U!"

Dallas tweeted to on his account, "Thanks to all of you for the outpouring of love and congrats!"

"Once Upon a Time" is now in its third season. □

## Ashley Tisdale switches gears to voice 'Sabrina'

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Ashley Tisdale said she's delighted to voice the title character in Hub TV's new "Sabrina: Secrets of a Teenage Witch."

"But her 3-year-old niece has her beat."

"She's super excited about it," Tisdale said. "She saw the 'Sabrina' poster in my house and said, 'Aunt Ashley is Sabrina!'"

For Tisdale, her role in the animated series debuting 9 a.m. EDT (1300 GMT) Saturday is an acting treat.

Sabrina is "such a cute, quirky character. She's really cool and popular in 'witch world,' but when it comes to her human world she's klutzy and completely opposite," she said. "It's fun to play with both sides."

There's another advantage to the show, Tisdale said: Voice recording sessions don't demand playing dress-up and she can even work in sweats.

The live-action series "Sa-



In this undated image released by The Hub, actress Ashley Tisdale appears at a recording session for the new animated series "Sabrina: Secrets of a Teenage Witch."

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brina, the Teenage Witch," which starred Melissa Joan Hart as a high school student who discovers she's a witch, aired from 1996-2003.

Tisdale's voice-acting skills,

honed in projects including "Phineas and Ferb," allow her to continue playing characters Sabrina's age or even younger.

But the former "High School Musical" star now is 28, recently engaged to rocker Christopher French (they're in "the beginning stages" of wedding plans, she said) and runs her own production company.

Among other projects, the company is producing a pilot for ABC Family, Tisdale said. She's also keeping on-screen roles in the forefront, playing Rebel Wilson's sister in freshman sitcom "Super Fun Night" and taping an episode next week of "The Crazy Ones," the new Robin Williams comedy on CBS.

She sounds a bit awed talking about Wilson, who's wearing writing, producing and starring hats for her ABC sitcom. That is both daunting and inspiring, said Tisdale, adding, "You're so proud of her because she's doing it." □

## Review: Lady wails in soulful 'Janis Joplin' show

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Legendary blues and soul singer Janis Joplin was an astounding force of nature onstage and off.

A new concert musical on Broadway provides a rockin' good time while imaginatively evoking her impassioned, thrilling talent.

Randy Johnson wrote and directed the tribute, "A Night With Janis Joplin." Featuring a powerful performance by Mary Bridget Davies as Joplin alongside a quartet of extremely talented singers,

the loud, colorful, '60s-saturated spectacle opened Thursday night at the Lyceum Theatre.

Soulful and genuine, Davies gives a lively, energetic performance. She captures much of the exuberance and uniquely raspy

wailing that made Joplin a musical legend, though she lacks Joplin's raw onstage sexuality and brash, raunchy persona.

No stranger to the role, Davies has sung as Janis for years, including in this show regionally for the past year. The onstage eight-member band, led by music director Ross Seligman as the sexy lead guitarist, performs hard-driving arrangements of Joplin hits including "Down on Me," "Piece of My Heart," "Mercedes Benz" and

"Me and Bobby McGee." The musicians also invoke the spirit of Big Brother and the Holding Company, the funky, psychedelic electric blues-rock group that helped propel Joplin to stardom in 1967.

Johnson's book sentimentalizes Joplin, whitewashing her hard-drinking, drug-fu-



This theater image released by Boneau/Bryan-Brown shows Mary Bridget Davies performing in "A Night with Janis Joplin," at the Lyceum Theatre in New York. Davies and her "A Night With Janis Joplin," which opens Thursday, are part of a new wave of musicals featuring female singer-songwriters, a list that includes a Carole King musical making its way to Broadway.

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eled lifestyle and focusing instead on her enthusiasm and passion for her music. Between numbers, Davies' Joplin muses extensively about the nature of the blues and blues music, and reminisces about growing up with her family in Texas. More seminal to the show are the highlights she shares about her rise to fame and the music legends that influenced her, although her silent mouthing of their lyrics can be distracting. There's no mention of the accidental heroin overdose that killed Joplin at age 27.

Taprena Michelle Augustine, De'Adre Aziza, Allison Blackwell and Nikki Kimbrough perform as backup singers

"The Joplinaires." With grace and elegance, they also represent late 1950s "girl groups" and some

iconic blues singers, dramatically performing parts of signature numbers by the likes of Etta James, Odetta, Nina Simone, Bessie Smith and Aretha Franklin on a platform above the stage. In turn, Davies performs Joplin's earthier interpretations of these hits, showing how she made them her own, such as an invigorating "Tell Mama" (with Kimbrough stunning as Etta James) and a mournful, wailing, primal version of "Summertime."

With dynamic use of lighting, projections, sound design and the choreography of Patricia Wilcox, Johnson creates a high-caliber spectacle around the compelling story of a uniquely talented singer-songwriter who embodied her generation's passionate attitudes. □



# U.S. Fringe Festival



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There is one group of people with an even greater interest than Democrats in President Barack Obama prevailing over Tea Party Republicans in this shutdown showdown, and that is mainstream Republicans. What exactly are supposedly mainstream conservatives - starting with House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell - thinking? If the "Ted Cruz Wing" of the GOP prevails and forces the president to curtail Obamacare in any way in return for funding the government, mainstream conservatives will be staring at a terrible future. In the near term, they'll be taking orders from Sen. Ted Cruz, who would be crowned kingmaker of the GOP if he got Obama to give in one iota on Obamacare. Cruz and his Tea Party allies would be calling the shots, and Boehner would become that very rare bird - a SPINO (a Speaker in Name Only). In the long-run, because this fringe would be dictating the party line, Republicans would stand zero chance of winning the White House in 2016. If the country rejected Mitt Romney's bad imitation of a far-right conservative - one hostile to immigration reform, health care, gay marriage and a grand bargain - imagine how the real thing would fare.

Finally, given the way the Republicans have managed to gerrymander so many congressional districts in their favor, they can easily retain control of the House under any normal economic conditions. But if they trigger a U.S. government default, a disruption in Social Security payments and economic turmoil in their effort to scuttle Obamacare - and a majority of voters blame Republicans - that could overwhelm the GOP's gerrymandered House advantage.

In other words, the only thing standing between mainstream Republicans and a hellish future of kowtowing to Ted Cruz, never seeing the inside of the White House and possibly losing the House is Obama's refusal to give in to the shutdown blackmail that Cruz & Co. have cooked up. The more pragmatic Republicans, who know that this is a disaster for their party but won't confront Cruz & Co., have settled on this bogus line: "Well, sure, maybe Cruz and the Tea Party went too far, but it's still Obama's fault. He's president. He should negotiate with them. He needs to lead." Obama is leading. He is protecting the very rules that are the foundation of any healthy democracy. He is leading by not giving into this blackmail, because if

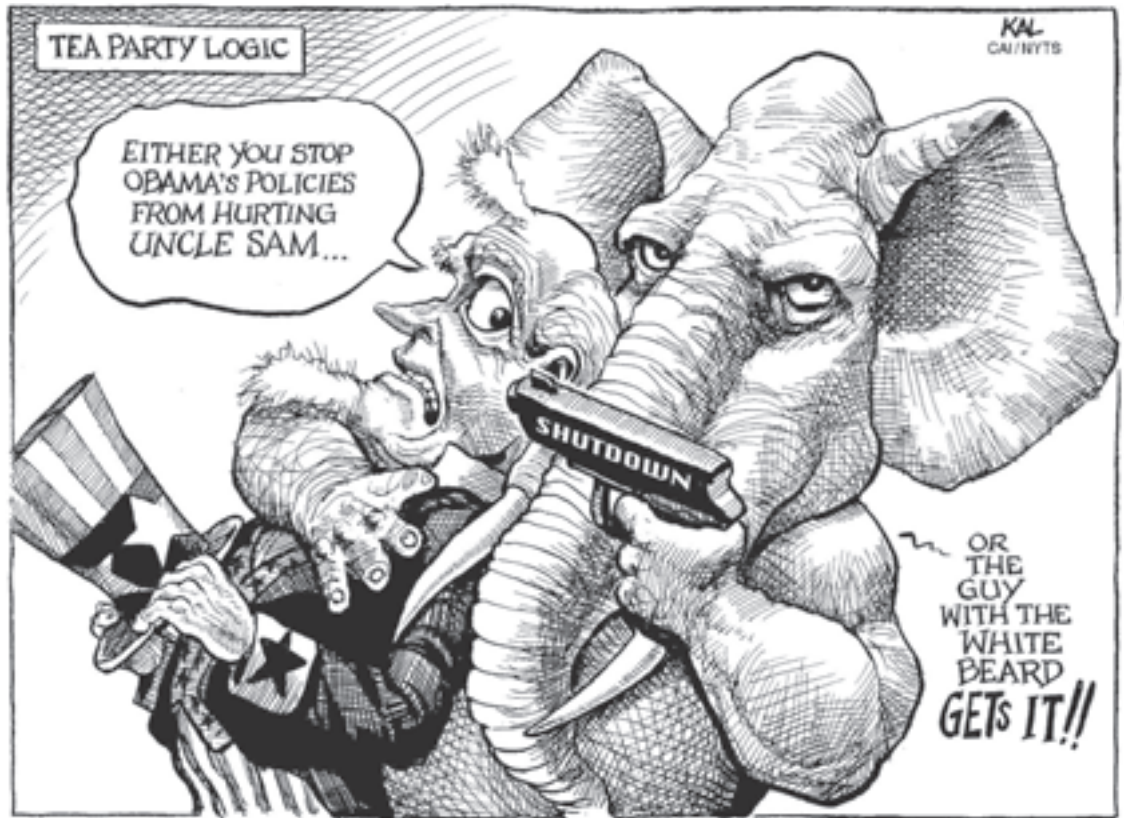
he did he would undermine the principle of majority rule that is the bedrock of our democracy. That system guarantees the minority the right to be heard and to run for office and become the majority, but it also ensures that once voters have spoken, and their representatives have voted - and, if legally challenged, the Supreme Court has also ruled in their favor - the majority decision holds sway. A minority of a minority, which has lost every democratic means to secure its agenda, has no right to now threaten to tank our economy if its demands are not met. If we do not preserve this system, nothing will ever be settled again in American politics. There would be nothing to prevent a future Democratic Congress from using the exact same blackmail to try to overturn a law enacted by their Republican rivals.

The president has said that he would give the GOP an agenda for negotiations that could start when the government is funded and the debt ceiling lifted. He's ready to consider trading the medical-device tax in Obamacare for another equivalent source of revenue or having a talk about closing tax loopholes and reforming entitlements - to both lower the deficit and raise revenue to invest in infrastructure or early childhood education. What Obama will not do, and must not do, is pay an entry fee to that negotiation - say giving up the medical-device tax - just to help Boehner down from the tree. Cruz & Co. would claim victory.

The reason so many mainstream Republican lawmakers want Obama to give something to Cruz & Co. is that they want to get out of this mess, but they're all afraid to stand up to the far-right fringe themselves - with its bullying network of barking talk-show hosts and money men. But Obama shouldn't take them off the hook. Only Republicans can delegitimize the nihilistic madness at the base of their party. (I wouldn't exaggerate this, but I think Boehner underestimates how many mainstream Republicans feel their party is being stolen from them by radicals - and hunger for a leader who will take them on.)

For their party's sake and the country's sake, Republicans need to go through the same kind of civil war and fundamental rethinking that the British Labour Party went through - after successive defeats by Margaret Thatcher - to produce "New Labour" and that Democrats went through - after successive defeats by Ronald Reagan - to produce "Clinton Democrats."

Yes, it will cost them today, but it will enable them to thrive in the future. America needs a proper right-of-center conservative party to challenge a left-of-center Democratic Party. Without a healthy opposition party - one that is ready to win some and lose some and learn from its losses, one that has a real agenda for upward mobility, not just a low-tax obsession and boiling anger - our two-party system doesn't work, and neither does the country. □



## Nazis, Lynching And Obamacare



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You might think that the methodical extermination of millions of Jews by a brutal regime intent on world domination would resist appropriation as an all-purpose metaphor. You might think that genocide, of all things, would be safe from conversion into sloppy simile.

You'd be wrong.

After Paul Ryan's fact-challenged address at the Republican National Convention last year, the chairman of the Democratic Party in California actually compared him and his compatriots to the Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels. A short time later, the chairman of the Democratic Party in South Carolina likened that state's Republican governor, Nikki Haley, to Adolf Hitler's mistress, Eva Braun.

At that point Abraham Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, did what he shouldn't need to do even once, let alone the multiple times that he's been forced to. He implored politicians and pundits to stop it already.

No matter. Allusions to Nazi Germany were back for debates over gun control and, of course, Obamacare. Ted Cruz, the Senate's prince of tirades, compared people who claim that the new insurance program can't be stopped to those who rolled over

for Hitler and the Third Reich. This prompted a public reprimand from John McCain, who has developed something of a sideline career of swatting Cruz on the nose. They're like a hapless master and his hopeless dachshund. The former keeps trying to housebreak the latter, while the latter just beams at every mess he makes. It's not only Nazis who are flourishing in this era of metaphors gone mad, of analogy bloat. Lynch mobs are also having a good go of it. A senator who was quoted anonymously in The Times last week used that term to describe the Republican lawmakers who had lit into Cruz during a private luncheon, and lynching was invoked more disturbingly by the chief executive officer of AIG, who recently said that public complaints about Wall Street bankers' bonuses were intended "to get everybody out there with their pitchforks and their hangman nooses." This, he added, was "sort of like what we did in the Deep South." How absolutely bonkers. And yet how unsurprising. We're awash these days in metaphors as overworked as our political debate is overwrought, and it's impossible not to wonder how much one contributes to the other. When nuance and perspective exit the language, do they exit the conversation as well? When you speak in ludicrous extremes, do you think that way, too? Obamacare has proved to be not just ideologically divisive but linguistically fertile. There's seemingly no event or passage in American history to which it can't be compared.

The terrorist attacks of 9/11? Check. Back when Mike Pence, Indiana's Republican governor, was still in Congress, he summoned that day's horror to characterize the Supreme Court ruling that upheld the Affordable Care Act.

Slavery? Check. Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican candidate for governor of Virginia, has described opposition to Obamacare in terms of stands against

fugitive slave laws. The hyperbole and hysteria make any constructive debate impossible, and they insult the past, robbing important events of the specific meaning and individual detail they deserve. Consider our recurring "-gate" mania. We equate each new scandal, whether extra-large or fun-size, with Watergate, and by willfully misremembering President Richard Nixon's crimes, we dilute them. It's just a suffix for the taking, a point of comparison for such wildly unrelated matters as the spilled secrets of Arkansas law enforcement officers who were supposedly privy to Bill Clinton's private life. Troopergate, that was called. For President Barack Obama, Benghazi was supposed to be his Watergate, and so was the IRS' scrutiny of conservative groups, and so were a bunch of other things I can't even remember anymore. They blur and fade, which is not to say they didn't matter. It's to say that when everything is supposedly like everything else, nothing's distinctive. It's all one big mush.

For that reason, among others, we should watch our words. They have consequences. As irresponsible and detestable as the recent actions of the most conservative wing of House Republicans have been, we'd be better off without figurative talk of hostage taking and guns to heads, without headlines like one in The Huffington Post that said: "Boehner Threatens to Shoot the Hostage." That sort of language only turns up the heat. And I cringe at how pointlessly hurtful it must have been for a 9/11 widow or widower to listen to the right-wing moralist Gary Bauer exhort voters to fight back against Obama's agenda the way passengers on United Flight 93 fought back against hijackers. Or for Holocaust survivors to hear all this gratuitous Nazi talk.

You know what's just like Germany in the 1930s? Germany in the 1930s. We're in an unfortunate place, but we needn't travel back there to describe it. □



# Porsche By Design exhibit opens in North Carolina

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(AP) — Curator Ken Gross had his first encounter with Porsches in college, when the cool guys were driving Super 90 Coupes. His old Ford, which was fine for attracting girls in high school, didn't compare.

"I lusted after that car," Gross says. "A friend let me drive his, and it was kind of an epiphany for me."

He bought a 1961 Super 90 Coupe after graduate school in 1966, then sold it before he went to Vietnam in the U.S. Navy. Although he hasn't owned another one since, he has found a job that makes for a fine consolation prize — curating museum shows that include Porsches, such as the one that opens Saturday at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

This show is different from other car exhibits that Gross has curated because it's the first one he's done that focuses only on Porsches. The show has 22 of the German-made cars, starting with a 1938 Type 64 Berlin-Rom Racer and including actor Steve McQueen's 1958 Speedster, fashion designer Ralph Lauren's 1988 Type 959 and a 1989 Panamericana concept car with a zip-off roof that's never been in the U.S. before and was an 80th birthday gift to Ferry Porsche. It's the only one of that car, which had a dune buggy feel to it while still maintaining that clear Porsche design.

Porsche didn't put the car into production, although elements of its design are apparent in the modern 911s, Gross said.

Janis Joplin's psychedelically painted 1965 Type 356C Cabriolet that's usually at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland also is part of the exhibit, titled "Porsche by Design: Seducing Speed."

Museum exhibits of cars date back to 1951, when the Museum of Modern Art produced a show titled "Eight Automobiles," and are gaining in popularity with museum directors,

who see them as a way to attract a new audience. Gross, former director of the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, now works as a guest curator for museum exhibits about cars, most recently at the Frist Center for Visual Arts in Nashville, Tennessee, and has exhibits scheduled through 2016.

"They are rolling sculpture," said NCMA Director Larry Wheeler. "It's the design and exquisite quality of Porsche that has been sustained from the very beginning. In terms of art museums embracing great industrial design, this is not new."

Both Wheeler and Gross said they believe the North Carolina exhibit is the first car exhibit in a fine art museum that features only Porsches.

Among the museum's events scheduled for the opening is a meet-up Saturday where Porsche owners will bring their cars to the museum parking lot. Jeff Zwart, a seven-time Pike's Peak Hill Climb champion who does most of Porsche's advertising, and Magnus Walker, a Porsche collector who builds 911s,

are expected to be there. Walker's love affair with Porsche was in full bloom by 1977, when he was 10 years old and wrote to Porsche to say he wanted to design cars for them.



A 2010 Porsche Type 911 GT3 R Hybrid Race Car Prototype is on display in the Porsche By Design exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, N.C.

(AP Photo/Gerry Broome)

Thirty-five years later, a short documentary about him and his wife, Karen, titled "Urban Outlaw" got the attention of Porsche, and he got a letter, inviting him to Stuttgart, Germany, where he visited the factory recently.

"Our passion with the Porsche is the driving experience the car offers," he said. "... Porsche is a lan-

guage. It doesn't matter if you speak English, German or Japanese. It's a worldwide, universal language that everyone can relate to. ... It's a driving experience, an art experience,

as well as a bond, sort of connecting experience." Several race cars are part of the exhibit, including the Type 804 Formula One from 1962, designed so the driver sat in an aluminum cradle that's formed by the gas tank. Racer Dan Gurney won two races in that car. "It wasn't that they weren't concerned about safety, but let's say

it was a secondary concern," Gross said.

Among the things that set Porsche apart from other automobile manufacturers is its continuity of design, Gross said, which is evident from that 1938 Type 64 designed by founder Ferdinand Porsche to the race cars that the company originally designed as a way of free advertising since it didn't have a large marketing budget. The curvy, aerodynamic design continues into the most recent car in the exhibit, a 2010 Type 911 Sport Classic Carrera.

"The people who drive these cars, the enthusiasts who own them, they're looking for that open road, they're looking for that windy, twisty road without a lot of cars, they're looking for some place you can really exercise and enjoy them," Gross said. "That's the thrill. And it doesn't come every time you get in that car. But find just the right off ramp and the right country road on a weekend morning, and it's exhilarating. It makes the rest of the week fine."

The exhibit runs through Jan. 20, 2014. □



A 1977 Porsche Type 935 is part of the Porsche By Design exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, N.C.

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